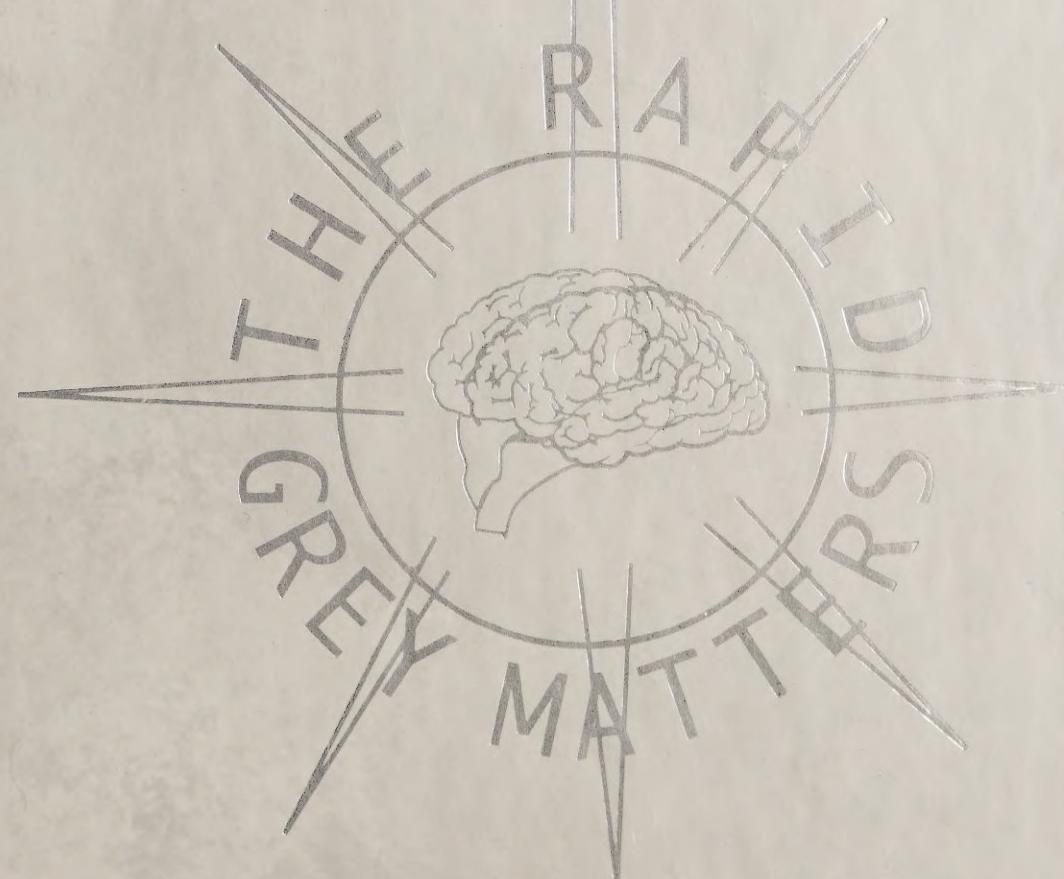


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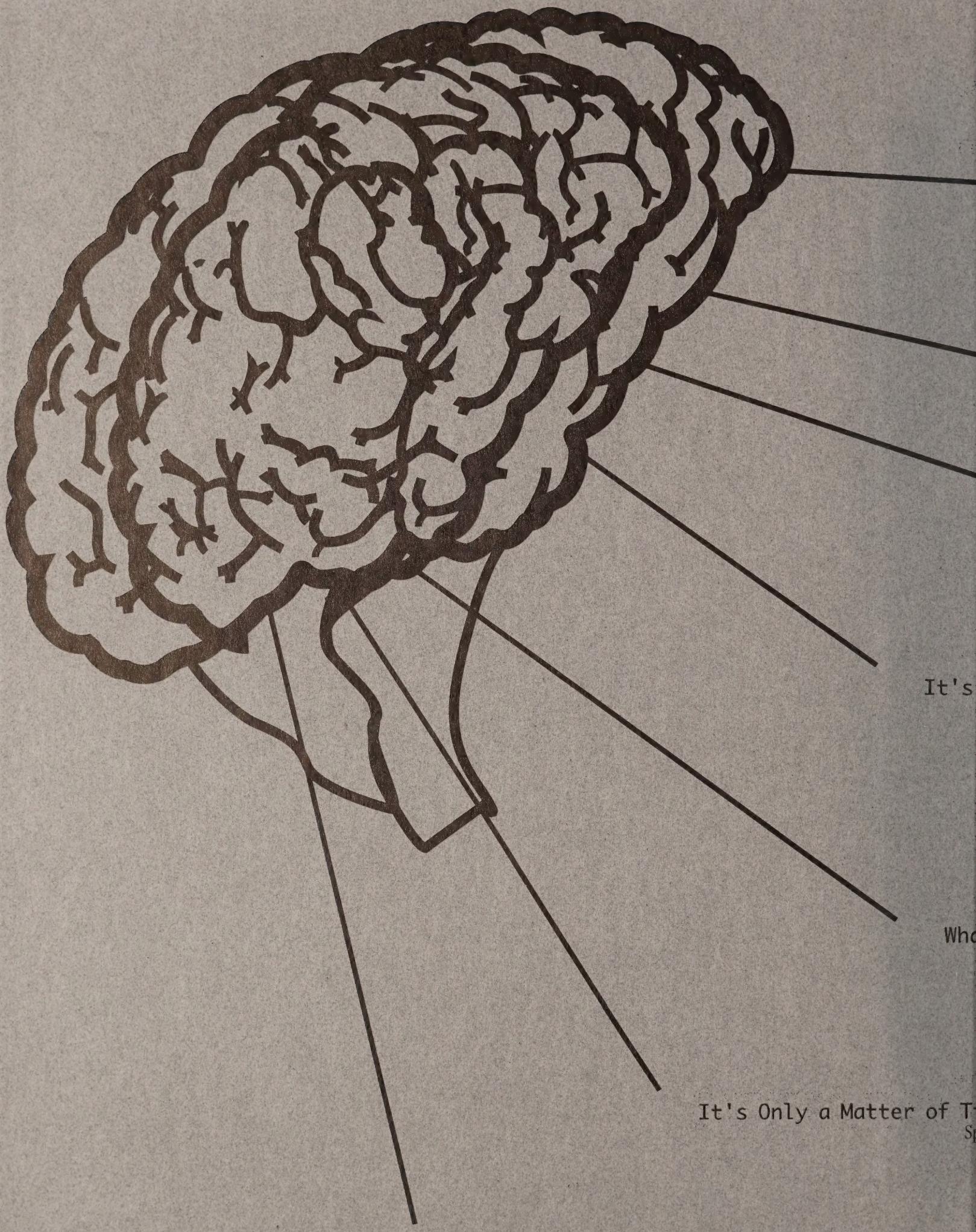


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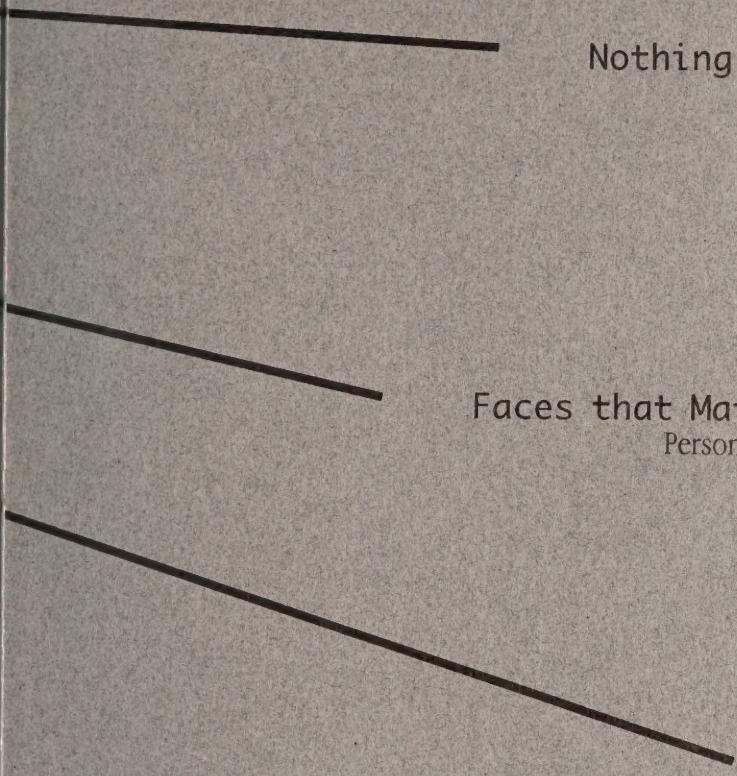


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The Little Things

The final bell of the day rings, as students jump from their seats and head for their lockers before rushing out to the parking lot. As the halls fill with students, teachers sit down at their desks in order to try to memorize 180 new names and faces. For each, the traditional first day of school has come to an end, and they can now prepare to settle back into the routine of normalcy.

While the return to school means worrying about grades and what you will be doing on Friday night, the school year is really not so black and white. While both of these items seem the most important, there

are also the little trifles and occurrences that surround us each day that cannot be ignored. Maybe it's the guy who sits next to you who tells you that your hair is really pretty, even though he already has a girlfriend. Or maybe it's the one good book you read in English class. Or maybe it's the pep rallies,

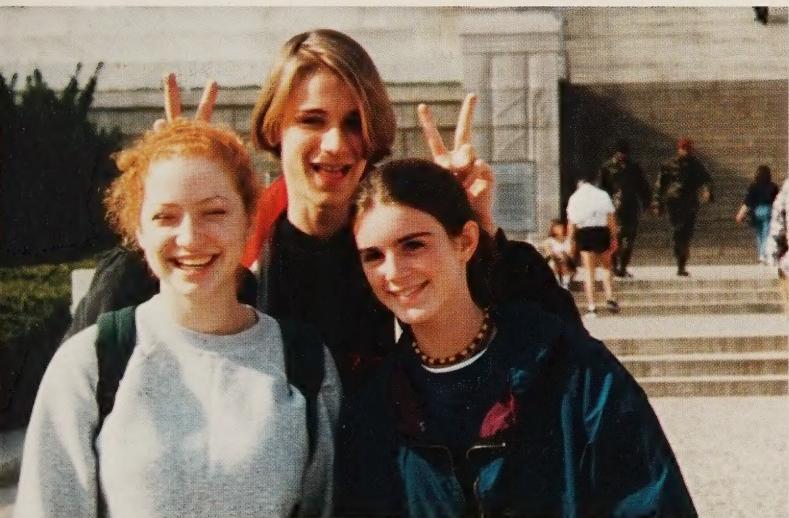
where students are actually proud of who they are and where they go to school. Whatever it may be, each of the little things, the grey between the black and the white, matters and contributes to the all around high school experience.

Megan Parker





Matt Miffliton and Katie Tracy share a dance after being crowned Homecoming King and Queen. Because it rained so much on the night of the Homecoming game, the announcement of the court was postponed until the following night at the dance. *Lifetouch Photo*



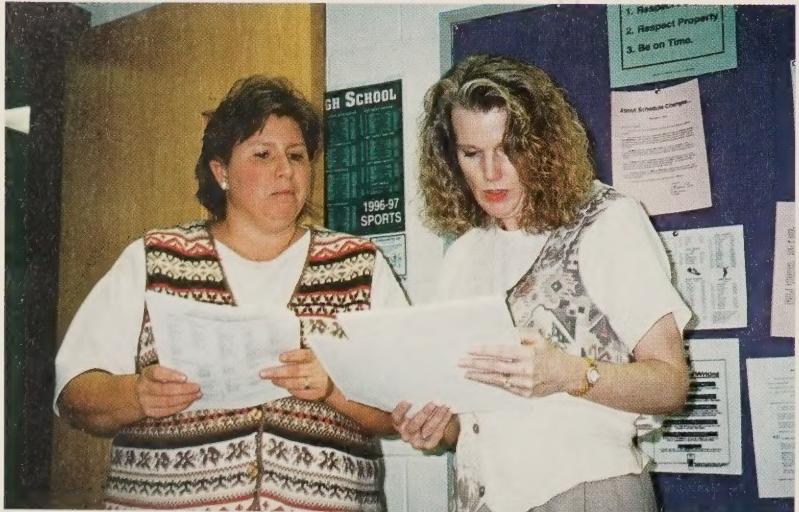
Catherine Headley and Sarah Diegelmann, along with a french exchange student, visit Washington D.C. Exchange students from France visited during the late fall. They incorporated trips to famous places like Washington to learn more about the American culture. *Emily May Photo*

Senior Jonathan Pittman watches his ball roll into the hole. Pittman was named most improved for the golf season. The golf team finished with a record of five wins and seven losses. *Lifetouch Photo*





Mary Kate Carlton and Debbie Gies cheer on the senior class during the first pep rally, which was held before the Homecoming game. The seniors wore Burger King crowns and dressed as hippies to show school and class spirit. *Kathy Hoof Photo*



Teachers Dalene Landes and Laura Stewart look over handouts, which were given out by the administration. The administration used the e-mail network, as well as handouts, to keep the staff informed of upcoming events. *Kathy Hoof Photo*

A student in advanced P.E. climbs the rope course during a weekly field trip. Junior and seniors participated in the class because only students who had completed ninth and tenth grade P.E. could take this course as an elective. *Maren Riebm Photo*



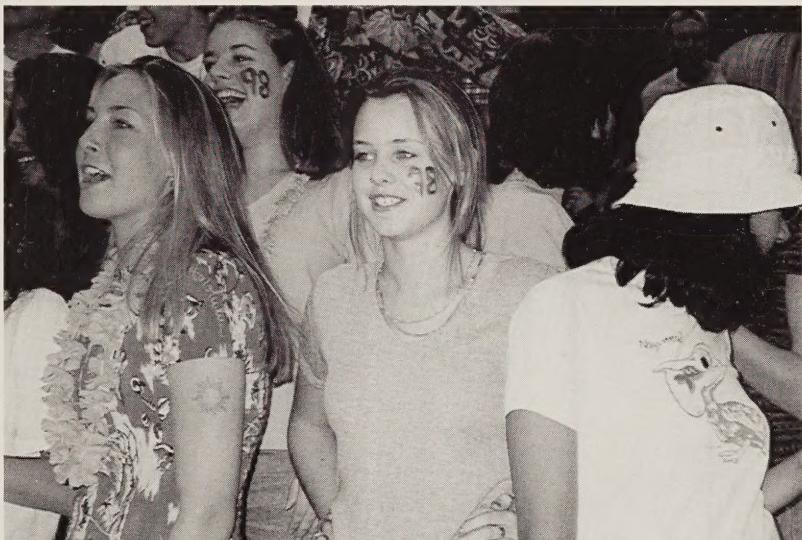
Wholeness

As yet another school year began, students rushed into the building full of expectations and hopes for the year that was ahead of them. Friends who had not seen each other in three months chatted excitedly about their summer. Freshmen wandered nervously through the halls that would now become their new school. Athletes crowded in the halls, displaying their uniforms. Other students meandered quietly around the building. As teenagers, students were seen as loud, obnoxious and rowdy by the faculty that awaited them. But one glimpse of all of these sights made people notice that this was not all students were about. There

were the athletes, the overachievers, the underachievers. There were the popular kids, the class clowns. Each person added to the school in his own way. Sure, each end of the spectrum stood out...the pretty, outgoing, popular kids, as well as the studious, more serious types. But regardless, those in the middle were noticed

themselves as well. They added flavor and originality. They stood out as the grey between the black and the white. They completed the student body...without the grey, it could not be whole. And that's what being a student was all about..adding a certain wholeness to a school that, without them, would be just another school.

Megan Parker







Nothing Else Matters

Though most sought out weekends as truly "social" days, there was no denying that that aspect of life could also be found inside these walls. Hackey sack in the courtyard, gathering places under stairwells, in the halls and in the parking lots each gave a glimpse of the student's world outside of school.

When Friday finally showed its face, the 1800 students who spent their weeks locked together couldn't have been farther apart. Night fell over football games, band shows, poetry readings and parties; for others the sun set over nothing but another night of work- be it cleaning stalls bagging groceries or selling bagels. In fact, work seemed to dominate life for some students; when asked where they liked to go on a Friday

night, many laughed and said "Hang out? I hang out at work!" Evening again melded into school days for the year's three annual dances: Homecoming, Christmas and Prom. Rain drenched the

Yellow Brick Road at October's victorious Homecoming game and lollipops swirled the following night's "Wizard of Oz" themed dance. Prom came in late spring, drawing

the days closer to graduation, and it was toward this event that seniors gazed with shining eyes, counting up tardies and avoiding absences. And try as hard one may, high school itself made it almost impossible to separate school from "outside life" -- and most found a way to make it work, for after all, nothing else matters.

Kate Lotts

Student Life

Seniors Susan Ruppert and Meghann Atkinson both agree that seniors rule. Ruppert said, "Winning the class competitions definitely proved that when it comes to spirit- seniors do rule." Laura Newton Photo



Allison Mallot and Lindsay Prorock sport the hippie attire. Friday was a flashback to tie-dyes, bell bottoms, peace, love and happiness as the class of 1997 filled the halls with the sixties. While the seniors dressed as hippies, the other classes dressed in jerseys, as twins and in beach gear. Sarah Anderson Photo

Christina Crump and Tameka Lee dress in their comfortable pajamas on Monday. They carry their teddy bears along with them to all classes to make the look more complete. Kathy Hoof Photo



Ryan Ferguson, Kevin Harrington, Bill Tucker and Derek Beitner all flex for the camera, trying to intimidate the underclassmen. They decided to show off their muscles on tattoo day by putting the tattoos on their arms. Sarah Anderson Photo

Freshmen Casey Foster and Elizabeth Fallen show their spirit by wearing the same outfits on Twin Day. The freshmen dressed as twins on Friday. Freshman Maureen Powers said, "Twin Day was an easy day to dress up for, so a lot of freshman dressed alike." Kathy Hoof Photo

SPIRIT SOARS OVER THE RAINBOW

Students and faculty take a walk down the yellow brick road

Spirit is defined as an attitude or principle that inspires, animates or pervades a thought, feeling or action. The week of homecoming was declared as the annual spirit week. It was five days for students to express their creativity and school spirit. After the preceding weekend, on Monday, students and faculty could come to school dressed in their cozy pajamas to help make the day a more comfortable one. Tuesday was the only day during the whole school year when hats were permitted to be worn inside of the building. Because of this, many students participated and took advantage of that freedom to either hide a bad hair day or show personality. On Wednesday, which was designated Tattoo Day, cheerleaders sold spirit tattoos as a fund raiser during all lunches. Several students wore white tee-shirts and jeans on Wednesday also. As the game gradually approached, school colors and jerseys were worn.

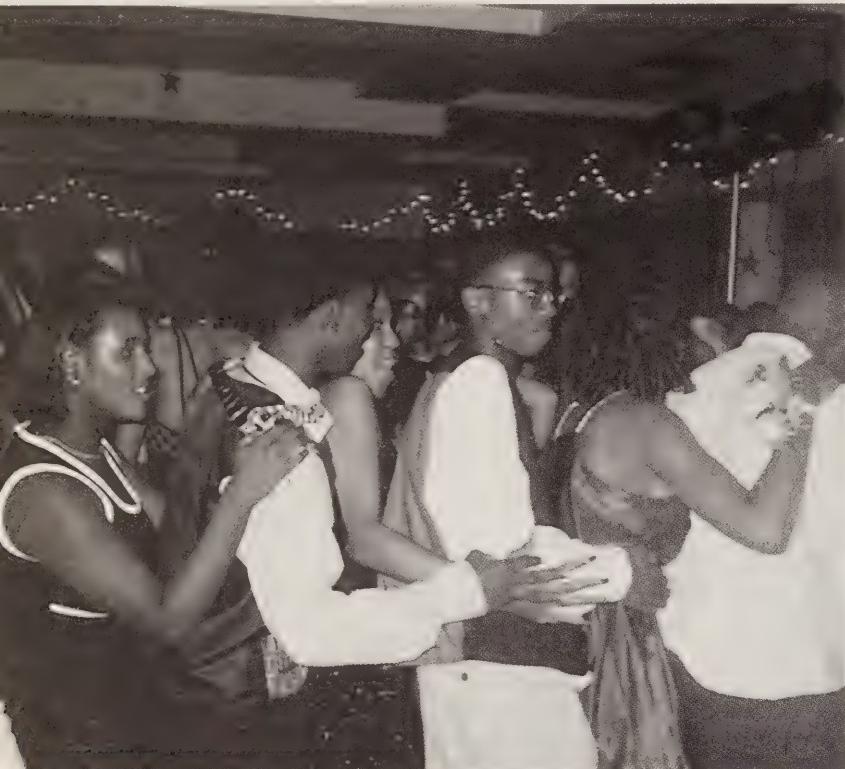
On the day of the pep rally, each class dressed up as their designated theme. Senior Ayren Holter said, "I thought class day was the most fun

because all of the classes were involved, especially the seniors!" Many upperclassmen decorated their cars on Friday also. Several seniors stood alongside Robious Road holding signs dressed in bell bottoms and wearing peace signs as if they were forming a picket line in the sixties.

At the end of the day, all students gathered and stood as the forty five minutes of yelling, dancing, music and fun began in the gymnasium. Seniors entered the gym last to the songs "Respect" and "We Will Rock You" wearing crowns and hippie attire. Following their entrance, the dancers and cheerleaders danced. Eight members of the faculty dressed as the characters from the Wizard of Oz and walked down the yellow brick road provided by the art department. The familiar voice of Bob Steinburg introduced the homecoming court and the fall sports teams. The pep rally was a time for students to unwind, relax and have some fun by getting involved. It kept from dampening the spirit, despite the discouraging forecast.

Sarah Anderson

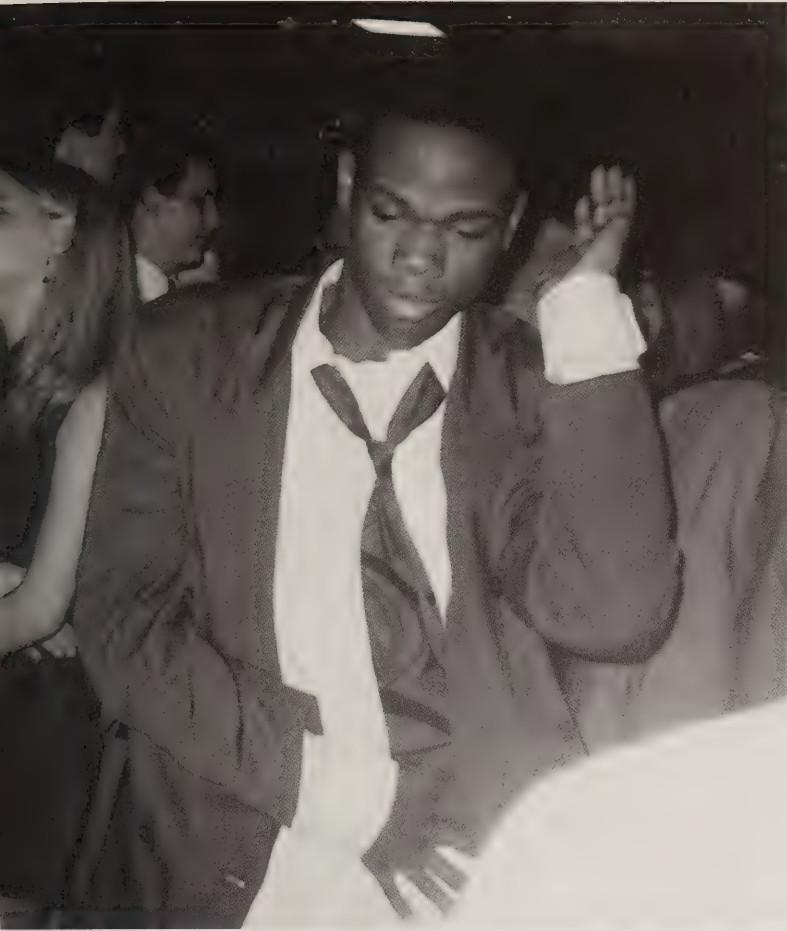
James Bailey, Tiffani Roberson, Jamil Masuer, Misty Robinson, and Jermaine danced in a train line around the commons. All of these friends spent a lot of time planning for the dance. Lifetouch Photo



Katie Tracy and Matt Mifleton enter the dance as representatives of the senior class. The couple was later given the honor of Homecoming King and Queen titles. Because of bad weather the night before, the crowning took place Saturday night at the dance. Lifetouch Photo



Matt Mifleton calls for the pass from Greg Guy. Even though the band went inside because of the freezing rain, the game was continued. The rainy game ended in victory, with James River on top, 20-6. Lifetouch Photo



Caroline Lucas, Kevin Harrington, Simone Cade, and Ryan Ferguson wait and watch as others from the Homecoming Court entered. Lucas and Cade were both named to the Senior Court. Lifetouch Photo

Sophomore Corey Clanton loosens his tie and jams to the music. He danced to the Macarena, which was a Mexican song that became popular in America. The song combined fast lyrics with a series of dance moves. Other types of music were played at the dance as well. Lifetouch Photo

MAGICAL NIGHT

The Wonderful Land of Oz

The rain came down, but the Homecoming parade and football game still went on. There was chaos due to all the dismantling floats and raging winds. The Homecoming Court carried umbrellas to stay dry but could not avoid soaked curls.

Despite muddy fields and ominous lightening, the football team defeated George Wythe with a score of 20 to 6. In spite of the threatening conditions, fans cheered on their team. "It was really cold and rainy at the game, I was surprised people still showed up, but at least we won," said Cissy Anderson.

The following evening, students took a walk down the Yellow Brick Road to the Homecoming Dance as they entered the Land of Oz. Lifesize figures of Dorothy, the Tin Man, and the Scarecrows greeted the guests upon their arrival. It took months of planning, as well as six hours of decorating earlier in the day to prepare for the eager crowd.

A DJ from East Coast Entertainment provided dance music, as well as special effects such as bubbles and smoke. "The bubbles were cosmic, but the

smoke burned my eyes," said sophomore Jenese Reid. The 850 people attending the dance provided for close quarters on the dance floor. Sophomore Julie Doutt said, "My date almost passed out after starting a mosh pit."

The Homecoming Court awaited the announcement of the King and Queen. Matt Miffliton and Katie Tracy were awarded these titles. Tracy said, "I never really thought of myself as fitting the image of a typical Homecoming Queen, but it's cool if people like me and respect me enough to vote for me."

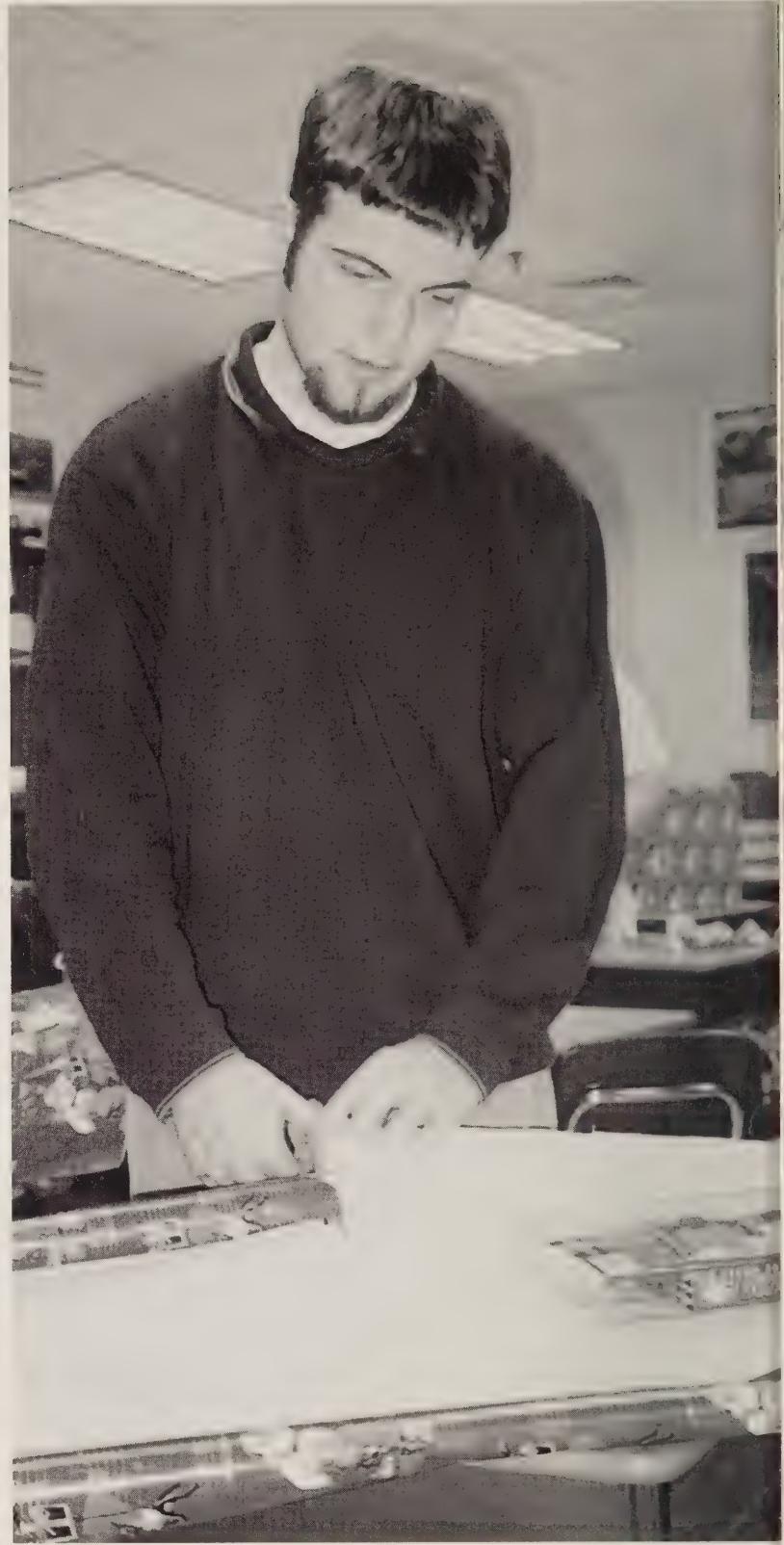
The remainder of the evening was filled with music, dancing and picture taking in front of the Emerald City backdrop provided by the Art Guild. Linda Davidson, the SCA sponsor, said, "The SCA worked very hard on Homecoming and everyone seemed to have a great time, so it was definitely a big success."

As the clock struck 11:30 pm, the wonderful Land of Oz was once again transformed back to simply the open commons.

Monie Bonaparte and Sabeen Reza

8 Student Life

Junior Laura Diegelmann practices taking blood pressure in the ambulance. This and other first-aid techniques were taught at "squad" practices. Barrett Wright Photo



Senior Mike Cannady wraps presents for the Christmas mother for NHS. NHS required students to fulfill ten hours of community service each semester. When the hours could not be completed in school, students had to find outside activities to fulfill the requirement. Maren Riehm Photo



Sophomore Allison Parker pets one of the cats who lives at the Richmond Animal League. Parker volunteered her time once a week to the shelter. She did various jobs such as walking the dogs and giving attention to the cats. Megan Parker Photo



Senior Heather Schultheis plants flowers around the bridge that the Key Club built. While the Key Club was a school sponsored club, they often did volunteer work within the surrounding community. Kendra Horger Photo

Sophomore Amy Teachey calls a bingo number out during activity hour at a nearby nursing home. Teachey and many other students volunteered their after school hours to help out within their community. They volunteered in either nursing homes or local hospitals. Emily May Photo

LEND A HELPING HAND

Volunteering Raises Moral at School

"Volunteering makes me feel really good about myself because I am helping other people," said junior Katie Foster. Foster is not the only one who feels this way. Because of school, work and after school activities, many teenagers find it hard to have time in their busy schedules to do any type of volunteer work. "Between school and work it was hard for me to go to squad, but now that I did it, I feel really good about myself," said senior Elaine Stuhlman. Not only does helping out make teenagers feel good about themselves, but it looks good on applications and resumes. "While volunteering at the nursing home makes me feel good because I love helping less fortunate people, it also looks good on college applications," said junior Abbie Franks. At St. Mary's Hospital Nurse Susan James said, "We enjoy having the students help out here. They do a really good job and are really sweet."

While volunteering at the hospital the candy strippers must be very versatile. They must be able to work on any floor they are asked, from maternity

to ICU. They have to do anything from delivering blood samples to helping out with children, to feeding people who are unable to feed themselves. From time to time, though, they do get to do something really exciting, like work with the babies.

While volunteering at squad is somewhat similar to volunteering at the hospital, it is also a lot more hectic. "When you hear that call over the radio saying there is an accident, you don't have any time to waste," said junior Laura Diegelmann. An accident is a very unexpected thing, so being able to get and go in a split second is a requirement of this job.

Though volunteering is a very rewarding experience, it also has a downside. "When you go to a building; and it is engulfed in flames, and you know that there is nothing that you can do, you are just helpless; it is sad," said junior Lee Smoyer. "But we normally try to think positively, and we always get through it all."

Kelly Davis and Barrett Wright

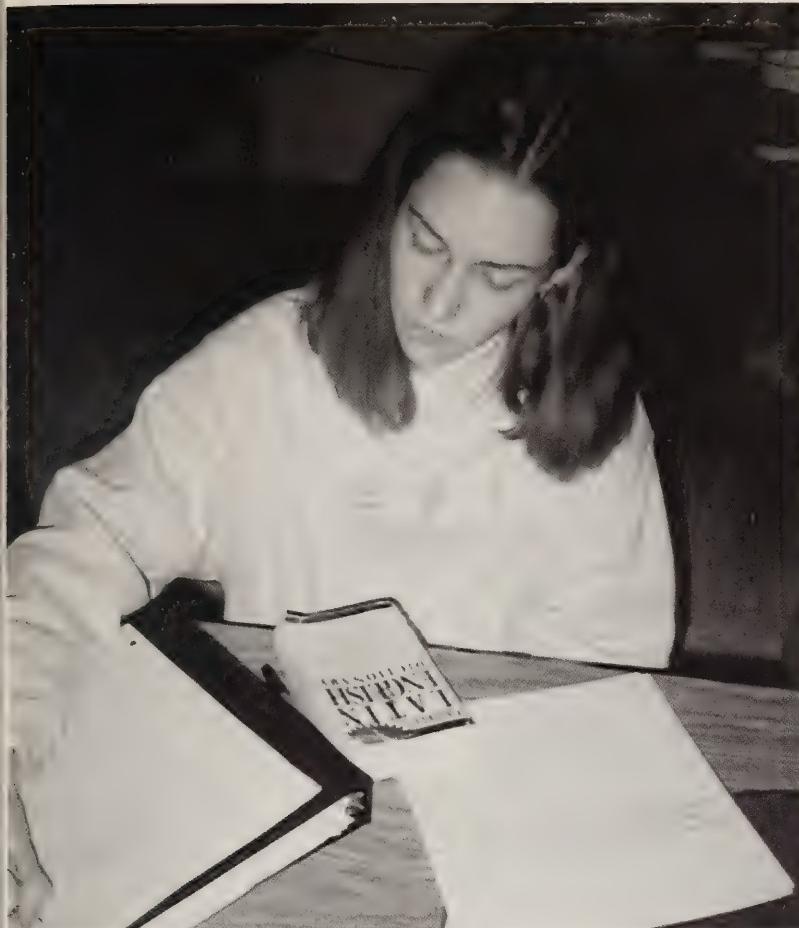
Juniors Erin Lee, Sarah Davis, Jessica Hebert and Senior Prissy Gonzalez smile for a snapshot after a lacrosse game at St. Catherine's school. They played for the Chesterfield Lacrosse League and had practices on Mondays and Wednesdays. Their games were also on choice days of the week. Nikki Clarke Photo



Carolyn Heuser is lifted out of the pool by her team mates, Lindsay Ellis, Susan Heuser and Erica Van Voorhis during Synchro practice. Practices were held in the evenings during the week from 8:00 until 10:00 PM. "Practicing was hard, but it all paid off in the end," said Heuser. Barrett Wright Photo



Junior Barrett Wright jumps an obstacle in the show ring atop "Town Gossip," a horse often ridden by her. Wright often competes in shows around the state and county. "Shows are long and tiring, but you meet lots of people," said Amy Lowman, another competitor in the field. June Nicholson Photo



Sophomore Becca Guy practices her form for an upcoming swimming meet. Guy's strongest event was the butterfly. Guy began each morning with practice from 5:00 to 6:30. Additional practices were also held after school. Kim Kidd Photo

Senior Lynn Williams looks down as she works on a Latin paper. When not in school, Williams spends all of her free time in the afternoons dancing with the Richmond Ballet. Besides taking daily classes, Williams also participated in The Nutcracker . Kathy Hoof Photo

TO DO OR NOT TO DO

Students Participate in After School Sports

Besides all of the activities offered after school, students also go home at the end of the day and take part in activities not offered at school. Horseback riding, dancing and swimming are some activities students participated in outside of school. Sophomore Kelley Martin owns a horse and was required to go to the barn everyday to feed and groom it. She rode almost everyday and participated in many horse shows in the state. She said, "I like horse back riding because I love horses, and it's a great way to spend time with them."

Another activity many students participated in after school was dancing. One student was senior Lynn Williams. Williams danced every single day of the week at the Richmond Ballet Center for Dance. She took classes in ballet, tap, jazz, modern, and character and participated in a performance group that performed at many places such as hospitals and museums in the Richmond area. She has been taking dance since she was four. She dances so much that sometimes the only time she could do her homework was in between dance classes. She said, "Dancing is a great way to express your-

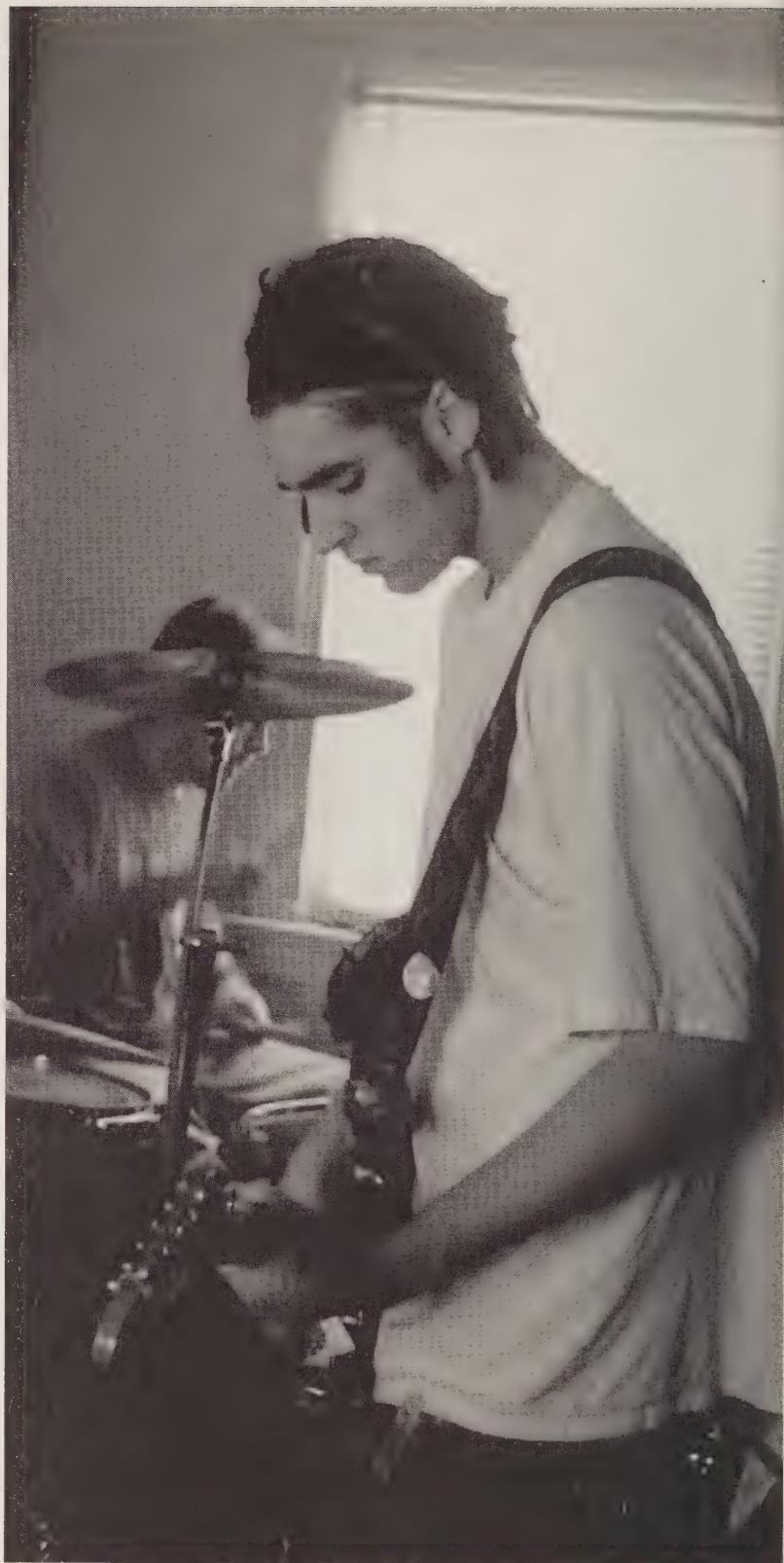
self. Even though it takes up a lot of time, it also relieves a lot of my stress." Another dancer here is Becky Rhinehart. She dances tap and jazz at Ballet Royale. Rhinehart said, "I like dancing because it is a lot of fun, and it is also a good way for me to stay active."

Another popular activity was swimming. At this school we had many students who went to sports clubs after school and swam. Sophomore Debbie Tyler has been swimming for a number of years. In the summer she swam on a swim team at her neighborhood pool, but during the winter she swam at Riverside. She swam a couple of days a week. Tyler said, "I like to swim because it is a lot of fun, and it's a good way to keep in shape."

Also, some students participated in synchronized swimming after school. There practices were in late evenings from eight to ten PM three nights a week. They competed against nationally ranked teams. Junior Lindsey Ellis said, "This is a great sport, the practices are hard and time consuming, but we really enjoy it."

Barrett Wright and Kate Sauvain

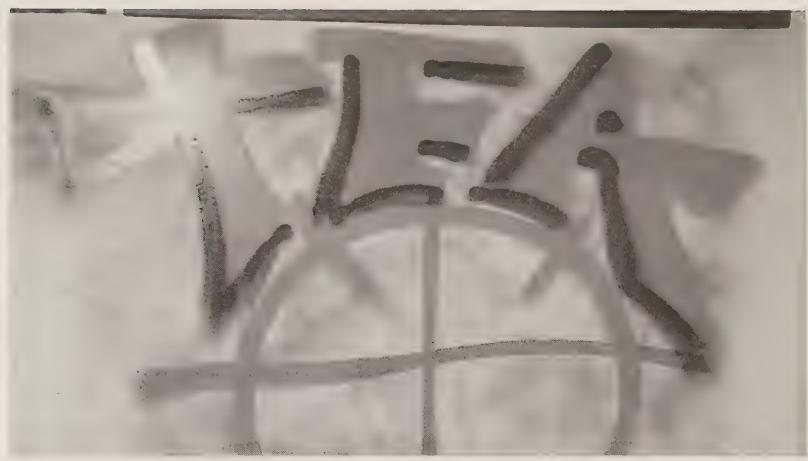
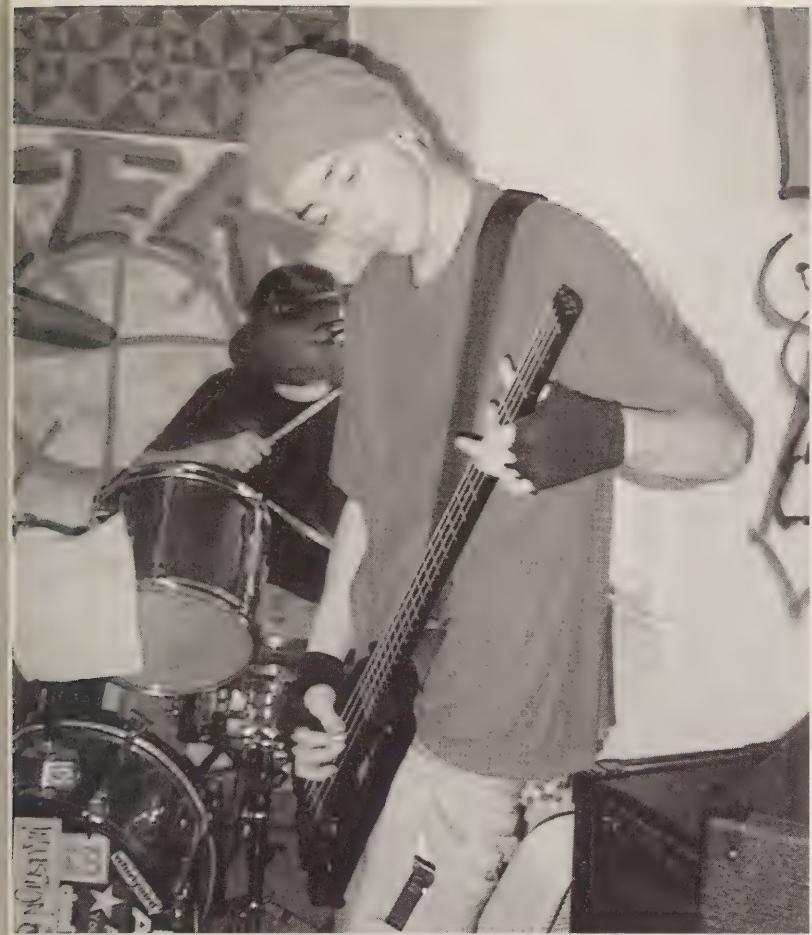
Jeff Grant practices his drum playing during Target For Aggression practice. Target For Aggression has been together for about two years and holds practices about once a week. The bands always try to squeeze in extra practices before playing for a show. Hope Baker Photo



Junior Duncan Adams plays guitar during his emo band Lifeline practice, while Tink jams on the drums. Lifeline and Target For Aggression practices were held in Duncan's room due to lack of a better space. Bands usually practiced during the week and performed shows on the weekends. Hope Baker Photo



Duncan Adams practices his guitar chords during a Target For Aggression practice. Many band members take part in more than one band, which makes members have to work twice as hard. Hope Baker Photo



The bands name, TFA, stands for Target For Aggression. The whole band does not consist of only students from our school, but outside of the school as well. The bands played many shows at Twisters and St. Edwards throughout the year. Hope Baker Photo

Jon Moon plays bass for Target For Aggression and also sings for the band Lifeline. Most band members played more than one instrument, so they could easily switch around if needed. Money they earned from shows went to the making of their tapes to sell to fans at music stores and shows. Hope Baker Photo

DRUMMING TO THE BEAT

Student Bands Rock Richmond

When strolling by Twisters on Grace Street or St. Edward's Church on Huguenot Road loud sounds of turned up amps may be heard coming from the building. Many of the bands playing there consisted of James River students and their guitars. The most popular bands from our school were Target For Aggression, 500 \$ Fine and Lifeline. The two year old Target For Aggression consisted of four people, with Duncan Adams as guitar and vocals, Jon Moon as bass and vocals, Jay Coleman on the guitar and Jeff Grant on the drums. "If you play an instrument and want to get with others to start a band, it's fun, creative and just a good experience to share," said Adams.

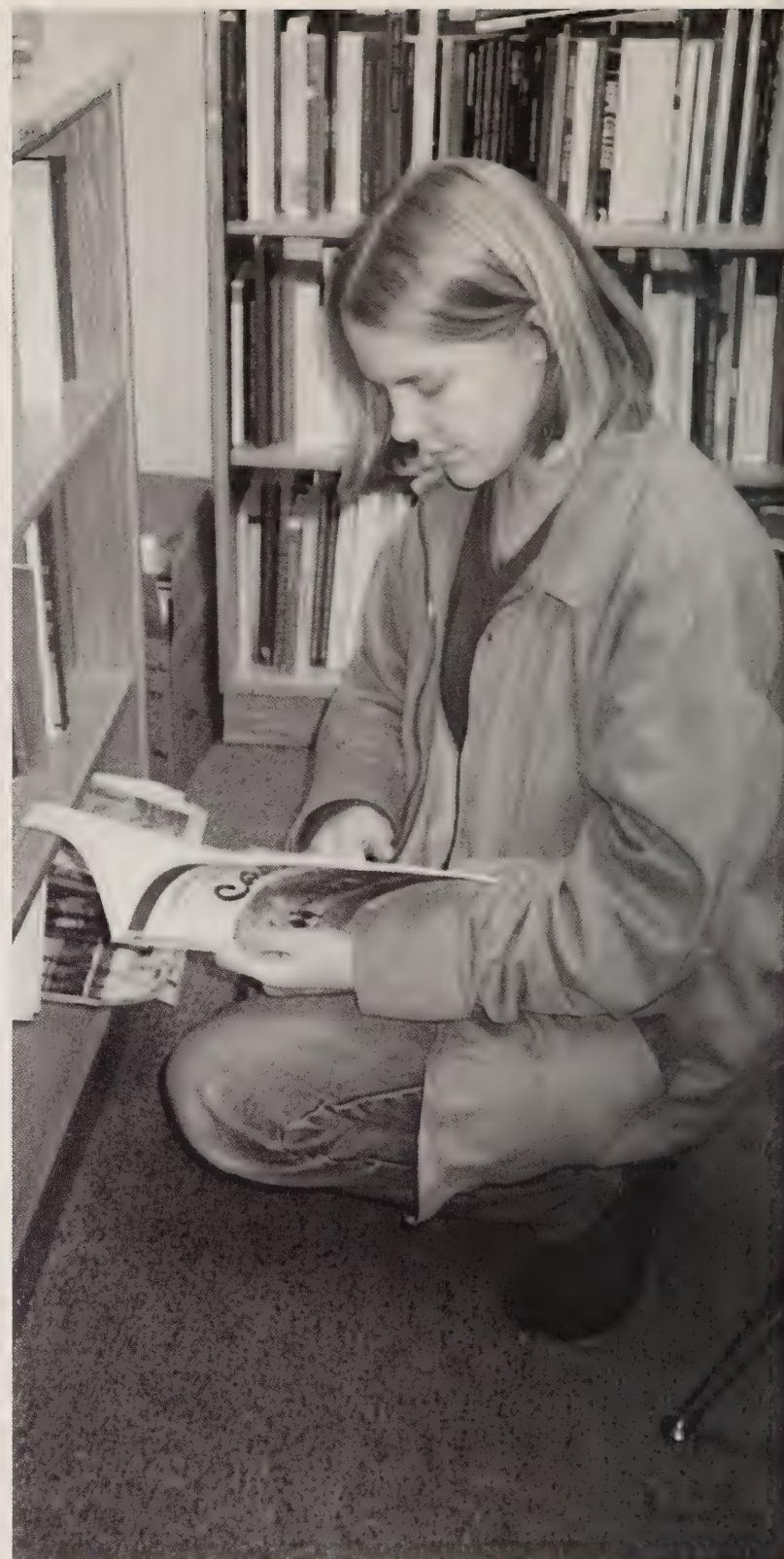
Usually on weekends and some school nights the bands could be found practicing or playing for shows at St. Edward's, Twisters or Biograph. Because of limited practice spaces, the bands were forced to provide their own practice areas, with many of the bands resorting to practicing in their own houses. For example, Target For Aggression held their practices in

Duncan's bedroom to prepare for shows. When it came time to actually perform, the bands were either asked to play in the shows or the shows were set up by various members of the bands. While the profits were slim and marginal, the money that the bands do make from the shows was usually put towards making tapes to sell to the fans either at the shows themselves or various music stores, like Soundhole.

In November, the death of the bass player of 500 \$ Fine, Patrick Daly, caused much grief among not only students but also among his fellow band friends. A couple of months after his death, his former band members organized a show to be put on in memory of Daly. The show was held at St. Edward's and bands from around Richmond played and raised money to record a 500 \$ Fine CD in Daly's name. The money that was raised from selling the CD went towards RVA, a new club and practice space for the clubs.

Hope Baker

Senior Erin Waller has been spending most of her free time this year searching for colleges. Waller looked through many catalogues searching for the school that was right for her. Waller said this was a busy year. Almitra Corey Photo



Matt Willis does not have a lot of spare time with school and work. In the afternoon, after school and before work, he uses his time watching television. Willis usually watches cartoons after school with his sisters, with "The Simpsons" being his favorite show. Almitra Corey Photo

In Tim Crane's chemistry class the students spend their free time playing with the chinchilla, Snoopy. Students often volunteer to give Snoopy a dust bath in order to clean her or feed her her favorite snack, raisins. Snoopy was a gift to Crane from a student. Almitra Corey Photo



Senior Lindsay Prorock takes a slacker break during her reading. Prorock said it always happens to her and is becoming a problem because she ruins all of her books with drool. Almitra Corey Photo

Alyssa Arute spends a lot of time at the 7-Eleven getting hot chocolate. "Hot chocolate is my savior!" said Arute. She makes a quick stop at 7-Eleven every morning on the way to school. Arute received many tardies due to her morning stop. Almitra Corey Photo

NOTHING TO DO ...

Students waste away in couch potato ville

No parties or concerts to go to? Already seen the latest flick? Bowling just doesn't have that same thrill? What do you do when you're stuck at home? "When I'm not doing anything, I sleep.. a lot," said John Tokarz. Some students just didn't have the strength to go out once the weekend finally came around. Teresa Feher said "If I stay home, it's because I am tired from school. After a huge project at school, I just come home and sleep until the next day." According to statistics, students need at least eight and a half hours of sleep per night in order to avoid yawning throughout the day. "If am lucky, I get about five or six hours per night...I am always exhausted," aid Sarah Davies. Students often wanted to make up for lost sleep on the weekends.

Because school and activities took much of students leisure time, they couldn't take for granted their spare time they did have. "I love to play on my computer or a friend's computer, but studying limits my exposure. So when I have a chance I go on a serious binge," said Jerome Holman.

Technology offered entertainment for those hard-core couch potatoes.

Crissy Beamer said, "I watch a movie and I make popcorn..so it's like the movie theater!" On average, television takes up two hours of students' time per night.

Some would rather interact with friends while at home, citing that boredom in groups isn't nearly as boring. "I usually hang out with my boyfriend or talk on the phone, but I always have something productive to do," said Jessica Locklear. Sometimes the phone was a student's only savior from sheer boredom.

Certain students' parents have restrictions on when their children may go out. "I have to stay home one night every weekend. My parents expect me to study, which sometimes I do, but I usually watch movies or have people visit me. Sometimes I leave and run errands. It is extremely boring, but I stay busy, so it doesn't matter too much," said Megan Mann.

Sarah Williams felt that a simple change of scenery might ease the boredom. "I go somewhere else and don't do anything there either."

Cara Wolfe, Emily May, Robin Glasco and Trey Laning

Latin students, along with Latin teacher Donna Dollings, pose in front of the Roman Coliseum in Italy. The group visited ancient castles and tasted authentic Italian recipes while staying in Rome and Pompei. Donna Dollings Photo



A group of French students spend two weeks in an exchange program in Toucy, France. The group, comprised of mostly juniors and seniors, stayed with a French family and went to a French school everyday while thoroughly experiencing the country's culture. Debbie Bartle Photo

Juniors Meena Lenn, Bethany Witcher and Shelly Sowers explore the Cluny Museum in Paris, France. French teacher Linda Davidson took a group of students ready to learn and enjoy the French culture over Spring Break. Linda Davidson Photo



Teri Litchford and Abbie Dayton have no fears of being arrested during their one week stay at the Magic Kingdom in Disneyworld. Litchford said, "Disneyworld was more fun now that we are older and can ride the big rides." *Abbie Dayton Photo*

Costa Rica was the destination for Joe Ferrell and a group of his students. For eight days, they went on such adventures as touring through a Cloud Rainforest and looking into the Paos Volcano and a nearby sulfer lake. The french teachers also took students on trips during the break. *Heather Davidson Photo*

AROUND THE WORLD

Students Explore the Globe

Spring Break is a time when students and staff alike have an opportunity to escape the stress of everyday life and just relax. Whether they travelled across the earth or just stayed at home, everyone agreed that time away from school was much needed. "I spent my Spring Break the best possible way. I got out of town, went camping with a few friends and relaxed," said junior Kyle Dexter. Others spent their time off a little more adventurous. Junior Brooke Corby said, "I travelled to France and Switzerland over break. I had a great time experiencing other countries, eating their food and shopping."

For most who travelled to another country, their journey was not just one of enjoyment, but it was also a learning experience. Going to another country gave students the opportunity to get a real taste of a foreign culture, while sharing the experience with school peers. As social studies teacher Joe Ferrel said of the group he took to Costa Rica, "The students I took were fantastic, and I really think this was a learning experience for them. They learned a lot about life whether we were walking through the streets of San

Jose or swimming in the Pacific Ocean." Since he has visited the country several times, Ferrel wanted to share his knowledge with students and allow them to enjoy what he has.

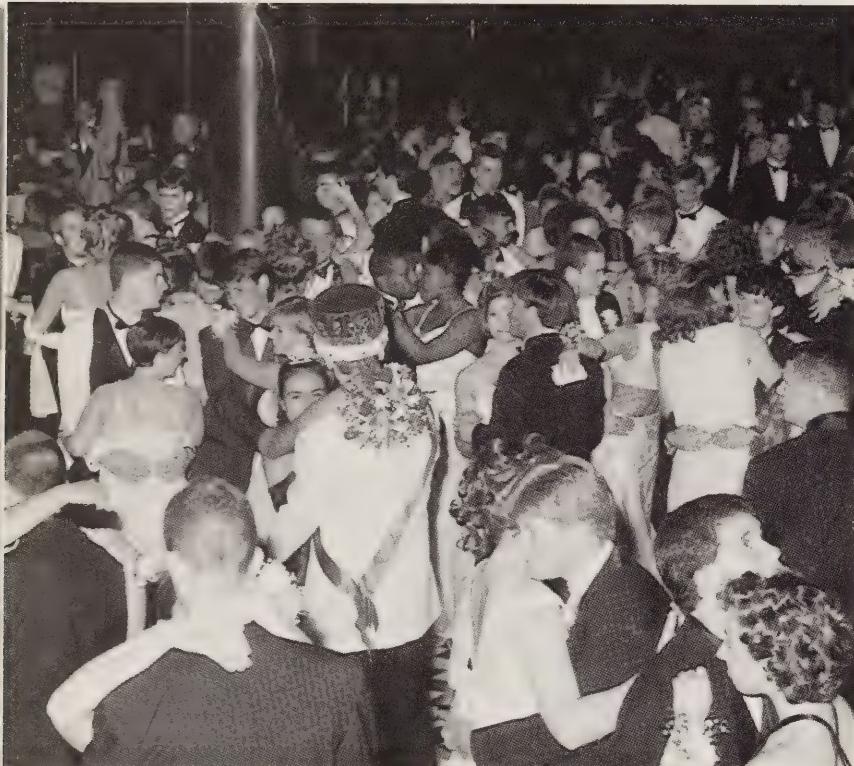
While most people relaxed during their vacation, there were those dedicated students who worked hard to perfect their various talents. Sophomore Aaron Jackson said, "I spent three days up at the school for track practice. It was hard work, but it helped keep me in shape."

Working at a job helped students keep their wallets in shape as well. For some, a break from school was not necessarily a break from work. "I worked at Hannaford during the entire Spring Break, but I can't wait for the paycheck," said sophomore Robert Custer.

No matter how students spent their vacation, everyone knew that Spring Break was the two month mark before the end of school, and for seniors this meant just two short months before graduation. Until then, however, the return to school meant going back to work.

Sabeen Reza and Tiffani Roberson

Students at Prom enjoy the first dance after the announcement of the King and Queen, which officially began the prom. The first song of the night was "You look Wonderful Tonight" by Eric Clapton. This song was played in honor of both the King and Queen and the Ring Figure. *Lifetouch Photo*



Prom King Ryan Furgurson and Prom Queen Prissy Gonzalez take the first dance on the night to remember. The Junior class voted the recipients of the king and queen from the list of seniors on the Ring Figure. *Lifetouch Photo*

Kendra Horger and Robert MacMeccan take a break from all the excitement to check out some of the munchies at the bar. The Junior Class Council planned everything for the Prom. The theme for the dance was "Ain't We Got Fun." *Lifetouch Photo*



Junior Kelly Davis takes Jay Price out for the count in her attempt to win the match. Sumo-boxing was one of the activities at Post Prom. The party also had Velcro Olympics and Karaoke that helped make the night more memorable.

Barrett Wright Photo

Steven Warner and Corey Clanton play a round of Black Jack at Post Prom. This was just one of the many games in the casino area of the party. Parent volunteers ran all of the games at Post Prom. The parents also cooked and served all of the food.

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AINT WE GOT FUN?

Students Enjoy A Night to Remember

"Ain't we got fun?" After many months of hard work and preparation by junior class officers and sponsor Linda Boggs, the third annual prom was a big success. Decorations following the classical twenties theme, "Ain't we got fun?" surrounded the Richmond Centre. "I think that the junior class officers did a great job with the decorations and the band was great. I had a great time, and I think that the dance was really fun," said junior Nikki Clarke. The entertainment was provided by an East Coast band, Leggz, which also served as last year's entertainment.

The dance would not be complete without a king and a queen. Seniors, picked by clubs and sports sponsors, made up the Ring Figure from which the King and Queen were selected. During the announcement of the Ring Figure, each member was announced and then escorted down the aisle. After this students waited for the announcement of the king and queen. The announcement of Prom Queen Prissy Gonzalez and Prom King Ryan Furgurson led the first dance to the song "You Look Wonderful Tonight"

by Eric Clapton.

After the dance students returned to the school for Post Prom, as the night was just beginning. There were many games and activities, as well as lots of food that was provided for students by parent committees and volunteers. Velcro Olympics, bouncy boxing, casino games and a money machine were set up for the students enjoyment. Artists from Kings Dominion also drew caricatures of students for free. A Karaoke machine and tattoo stations were set up as well. Students also used money that was given to them at the door to gamble or buy prizes. "I enjoyed the Post Prom party. It's a great way to spend the night out without worrying people," said Steven Warner.

Overall, the dance and Post Prom made out for a very memorable night for the students and faculty. "I had a really great time at dinner and the dance. And Post Prom was great! It was an awesome night," said senior Thomas Benton.

Beth Moon

Robert Jones throws a whizzing nerf ball during the Senior Picnic. Seniors entertained themselves by playing various games, such as frisbee and volleyball. *Kathy Hoof Photo*



Andy Smith plays his trumpet during M.U.J.R.'s performance on Senior Night. M.U.J.R. was comprised of Smith, Tripp Wray, Robert Jones, Chris Fraker, Joey Blankinship and Chris Porter. The band performed as a part of the talent show held that night. *Kathy Hoof Photo*

Tom Calder and Jeff Driscoll socialize at the reception after Senior Night. At Senior Night students reflected on memories from past years through a class history and a slide show. *Kathy Hoof Photo*



Kevin Roarty and Lindsey Tew enjoy cake and punch at the reception after Senior Night. The faculty provided the reception for students and parents as a last chance to socialize before the graduation ceremonies. *Kathy Hoof Photo*

Lauren King gets ready to blow bubbles at the Senior Picnic. At the picnic seniors spent the afternoon in the football field eating subs and watermelon, as well as playing games like volleyball and frisbee. Other students, like King, sat on towels and chatted with friends. *Kathy Hoof Photo*

A GLANCE BACK

Seniors Recall Memories From Years Past

While being a senior meant special privileges all year long, the official senior festivities did not begin until the middle of March, when seniors floated down the James River on the Annabel Lee Riverboat for a night filled with music, dancing, food and, of course, memories. Next, in late May, the seniors had a picnic lunch, which included an afternoon at the football stadium with food and games like frisbee and volleyball. The food was provided by local caterers, like Stuffy's Subs. The senior class was also entertained by a DJ, who played a variety of music. Seniors were allowed to leave school after the picnic, with the absence not counting against them for exam exemptions.

As Graduation Day neared, the events became more frequent. On June 5, the seniors participated in Senior Class Day and Senior Class Night. The day included a two hour assembly which recognized academic achievements and awards, while the night included scholarships, a class history, a slide show, Senior Superlatives and various talent acts. Girls dressed in their white dresses, while the guys dressed in ties and dress pants. After the

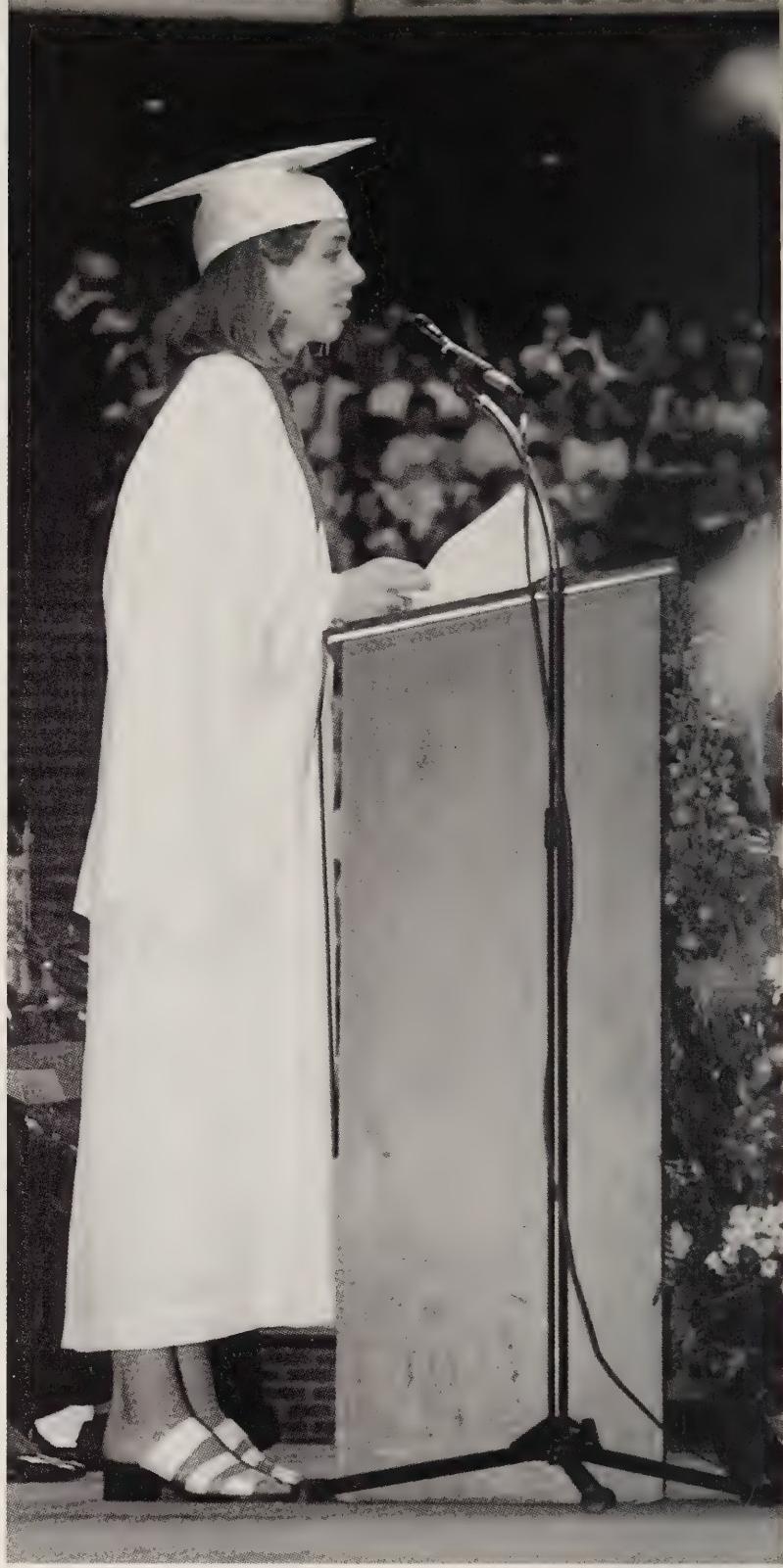
morning assembly, the seniors took a formal picture in their caps and gowns, which students could purchase for twelve dollars from Lifetouch. The night provided a more relaxed atmosphere, filled with laughter and tears alike. Various talent acts included musical performances by Ryan Furgurson, Nolan Doran and student band M.U.J.R., as well as a poetry reading by Hutch Hill.

Finally, the Sunday before graduation was filled with an afternoon Baccalaureate service. The optional service was held at Huguenot Road Baptist Church and was organized solely by a group of parent volunteers. The service included speeches from different denominations, as well as an enlightening speech by a blind runner. This service allowed seniors another chance to reflect on their high school years but in a more spiritual way.

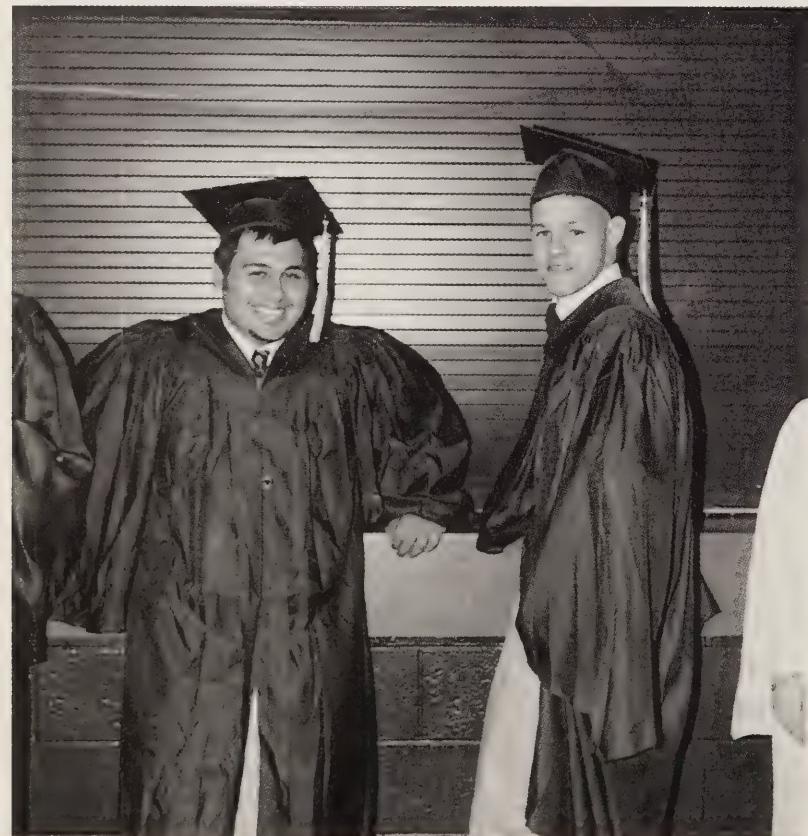
Except for Baccalaureate, the senior class officers and sponsor, Harriet Meader, were responsible for organizing all senior activities. The officers spent time after school gathering information and pictures, as well as working with the Senior Class Council to meet everyone's requests.

Megan Parker

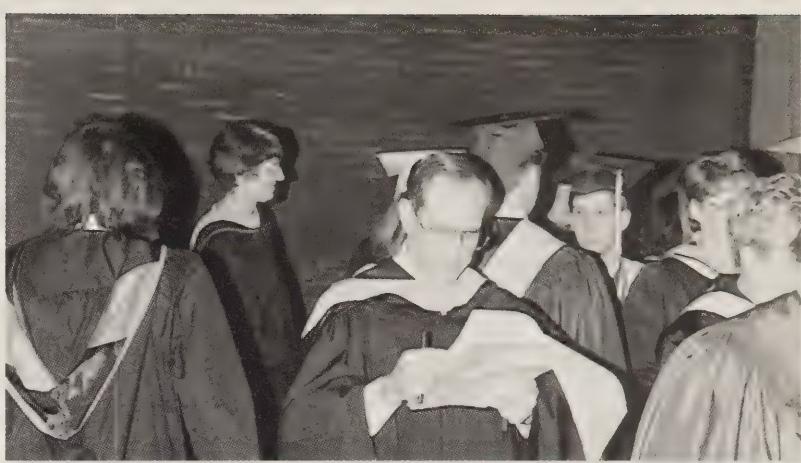
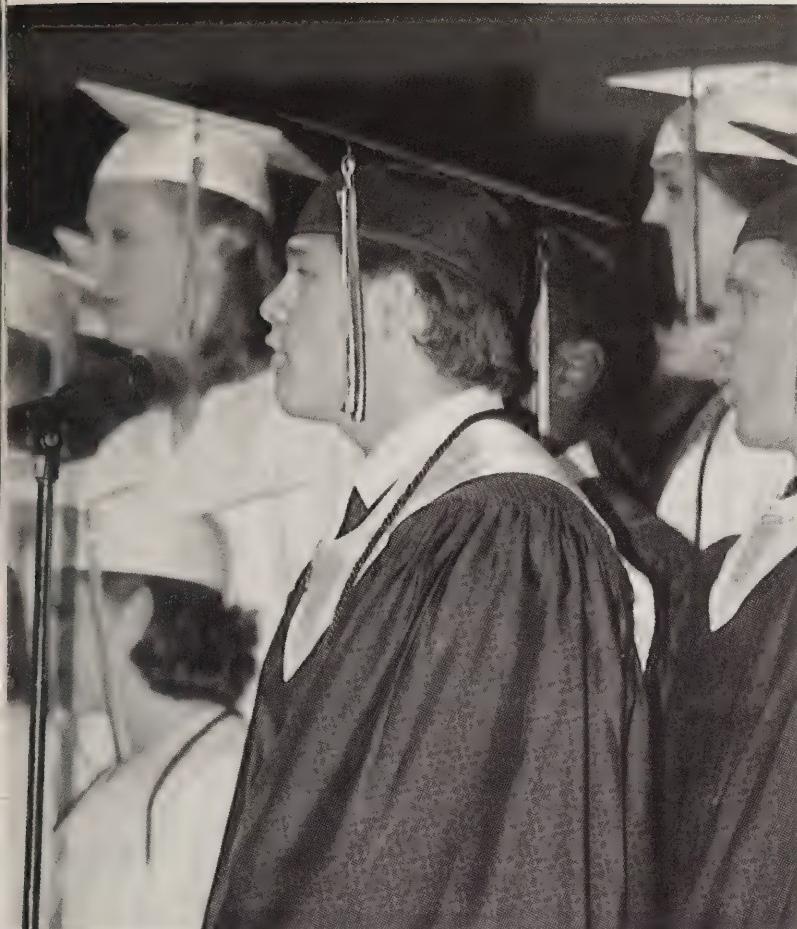
Paula Justis stands with Ayren Holter as she gets ready to put her cap on before getting in line to process into the Coliseum. Students were expected to arrive at least an hour early to finish getting ready and to arrange themselves in alphabetical order.
Lifetouch Photo



Debbie Gonzalez stands in front of the graduates, as well as the rest of the audience, as she gives her speech. Although ranked third in the senior class, Gonzalez had the opportunity to give a speech because Valedictorian Jay Ligatti opted not to speak
Lifetouch Photo



Aaron Meganck and Kevin Menting stand in line before processing in. The graduates formed two lines and arranged themselves numerically in each so as to march in as pairs and become seated in the right alphabetic order on the floor. *Lifetouch Photo*



Assistant Principal Steve Dimmett looks over the list of graduates one last time before getting in line to process into the Coliseum. Demitt was responsible for reading the entire list of names throughout the ceremony. *Lifetouch Photo*

Joel Wedd, a member of *Current Edition*, performs his solo in the graduates' alma mater, *The River*. The chorus sang both *The River* and the National Anthem. Both the graduates and the underclassmen members of the chorus performed. *Lifetouch Photo*

FREEDOM AT LAST

Class of 1997 Becomes Second Graduating Class

Excited chatter. Frantic faculty scurrying around. Students putting on gowns, caps and tassels. Harriet Meader calling, "Get in line, get in line!! What number are you?? A or B?? A's down this hall, B's stay here." Teachers lining up in pairs. Students beginning to march. The band playing "Pomp and Circumstance." Ahhh...the familiar sounds of a high school graduation...the event you have spent your entire life waiting for.

The annual commencement exercises were held at the Richmond Coliseum on June 12. Seniors arrived bright and early to put on gowns, caps, honor society bibs and purple chords, as well as to organize themselves into lines for the procession. The services began with the march of the faculty, followed by the awaiting graduates. Dr. William Bosher, Dr. James Schroeder and Ed Barber, as well as Senior Class President Travis Jones, Salutatorian Ryan Furgurson and third ranked Debbie Gonzalez delivered speeches. In their speeches, both Furgurson and Gonzalez spoke of the changes that the senior class had faced in the past four years with the three new schedules and the adjustment to a new high school. Dr. Bosher, on

the other hand, spoke not only of the memories of the thirteen years of education but also of the changes students will face upon moving onto college and the so-called "real world."

Following tradition, a few sneaky graduates popped out the beach balls before they were quickly retrieved by the teachers. After this, Assistant Principal Steve Dimmett read the names as each graduate walked across the stage and received his diploma from Rose. At the end of the line was Dr. Schroeder who added a personal touch to his handshake by asking each and every graduate his plans for the following fall. When each student had received his diploma, Rose announced the Class of 1997 as graduated and the students threw their caps, signaling the official end of their high school career. The graduates then recessed out amidst the faculty, who wished the seniors well as they began to make the transition from high school to their futures. Afterwards, students returned their caps and gowns in exchange for a copy of the their real diploma.

Megan Parker





Faces that Matter

Walking through the hallways after first block, song of the day blotting out normally audible conversation, I begin to feel as if I'm watching everything through a one-way mirror.

I stop and lean against a wall, watching the crowds glide by; what at first glance appears a sea of humanity separates into individuals and groups, each marked by something different. Visiting officials cast odd glances at pierced tongues and eyebrows and everything else; soft spring dresses swish by, gentle laughter in their wake. Everything takes on an underwater slowness and suddenly, faces began to stand out from swarming crowds. A thin girl, kneeling in a distant corner, bends intently over a thick

novel, ignoring strident bells. Couples lean against walls, faces lit with quiet smiles and quiet certainty. Purple jerseys flash as a group of football players stride by, confident faces turned ahead to that night's game. Teachers move easily through the masses, greeting students, whistling as they head to class. These are the faces that matter, the ones which shine out of the crowd, the ones which make you

stop and smile to yourself before moving on. They're different for everyone and found in the oddest places-- the back of English classes or outside school altogether. And though school is meant to be an education, it's also a social experience-- one which will show you the faces that matter.

Kate Lotts

Personalities

Ryan Abrahamsen
Mario Allen
Sabrina Amos
David Anderson
Paul Anderson
Michael Andrews



Jessica Arnold
Kristen Ault
Steven Austin
Emilia Ayon
Caitlin Bailey
Erin Bailey



Jaclyn Bailey
James Bailey
Stefanie Baker
Cary Bannon
Jenna Barden
Greg Barker



Tierny Barksdale
Jeremy Barrow
Ashlee Bartleson
Natarsha Batts
Mary Beall
Lauren Beatty



David Behm
Laura Behrens
Mindy Belcher
Philip Benninghove
Scott Benson
Melissa Benton



Amanda Berman
Kazem Beyad
Monica Billings
Erin Bishop
Sarah Blake
Stacey Boggess



Jake Bono
Jordan Booth
Michael Bradenham
Laura Brenner
Becky Brocato
Christina Brookman



Kelly Brooks
Beau Brousseau
Bonnie Brousseau
Caroline Brown
Natasha Brown
Allison Bruster





Katherine Lowry, Caitlin Bailey and Jessica Arnold top and take a picture before heading home on the busses one afternoon. Bailey said, "My east favorite thing to do is ride the bus, but when I am on the bus with Lowry and Arnold we have a lot to talk about, so the ride is not that bad." *Kim White*
Photo

It's a bird, it's a plane, no it's "Big Bird's Land Cruiser," the school bus! Affectionately known as the "Big Cheese," the bus was a way of transporting students back and forth from school and home. Shanell Garris said, "The majority of students who used the bus as primary transportation were freshmen." Riding the bus is a benefit to ninth grader Reshada Pullen, who used her time on the bus to do last minute cramming for tests. She said, "I can't wait until my sister can drive, so I don't have to ride the bus anymore." The majority of the freshmen felt they were being punished to have to face the "big cheese" every day. One student who did not want to be identified, said, "I was afraid of the upperclassmen on my bus because they picked on the freshmen." Steven Austin said, "I don't like riding the bus because my bus driver drives too slow." Listening to music was the most painless way to spend those trips on the bus, followed by talking to friends, sleeping, and last by not least, in a few cases, annoying the bus driver. With an average ride lasting 20 to 30 minutes freshmen also completed homework assignments or crammed for class. Overall, the freshmen said they realized that the freshmen's "Land Cruiser" gave them a dependable safe ride to school every day.

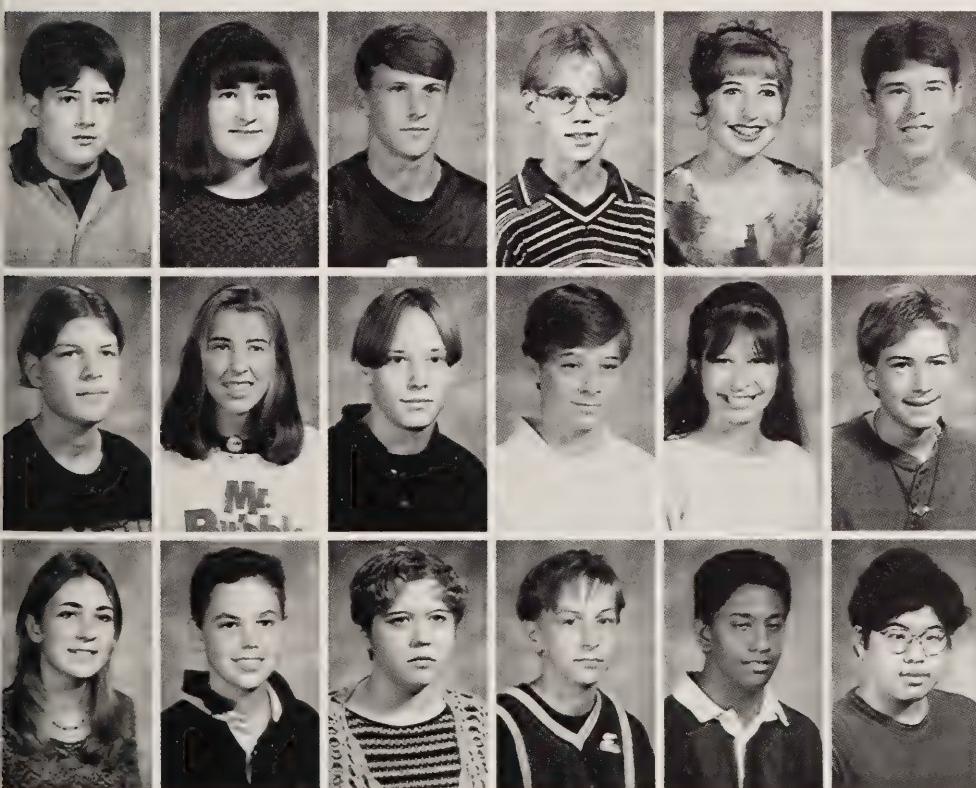


After a long day at school students get on their buses for a long boring bus ride home. While on the bus, everyone listened to music on the radio and socialized with their friends. Freshman, Ginger Pennington said, "I like to look at the cute guys going by when I am on the bus."

Tiffani Roberson Photo

BIG BIRD'S LAND CRUISER

BY TIFFANI ROBERSON



Christian Bryant
Melissa Bryson
Phillip Bujtas
Will Buker
Amber Burton
Nick Burton

John Byrd
Anna Cafazza
Ben Campbell
Brad Capps
Kathy Carlson
Patrick Carr

Traci Carter
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Lesley Cathey
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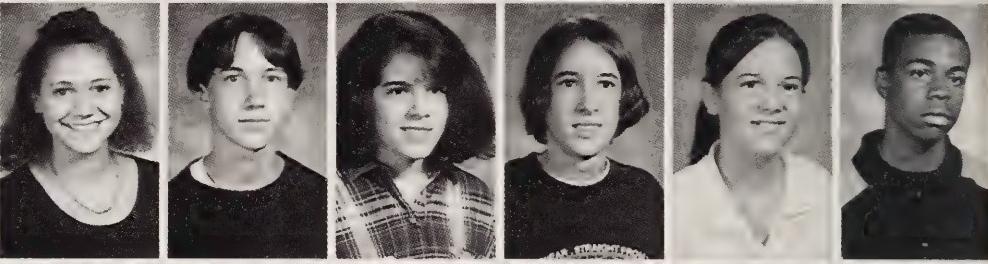
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Andy Collier



Matt Cook
Stephanie Cooper
Christine Corrin
Jessica Cottles
Danielle Cowardin
Amy Cowen



Barbara Creech
Robbie Cushing
Brooke Dalton
Hunter Dance
Adrienne Darnell
Franklin Davenport



Billy Davis
Keith Davis
Todd Davis
William Davis
Andrew Dawson
Jamel Dean



John Deane
Mike D'Eredita
Carolyn Desmond
Ryan Dielgelmann
Megan Dillman
Beth Dodson



Niya Dohogne
Rebecca Doll
Julie Donohue
Brad Dougherty
Robert Dow
Ben Dows



Greg Driscoll
Tiffany Dugger
Courtney Dunbar
Meghan Dunwiddie
Angie Durbin
Erika Dwyer



James Edwards
Heather Ellis
John Ellis
Stephen Engleking
Elizabeth Fallen
Bryan Faison





Kelly Willis waits for her mom after a drama club meeting. She says, "It is so embarrassing! I'm counting the days until the car keys are officially in a licensed driver's hand . . ." and with a laugh she adds, ". . . with a nice new shiny red Camaro," when she was asked about waiting for a ride. *Emily May Photo.*

Calling home for a ride, Kristen McKeon falls into the freshmen trap of begging their parents for a lift. "I try not to stay after a lot, but I had no choice - it was for band," said McKeon. She usually gets a ride with friends, but this was a small group trumpet practice, and her regular ride was a saxophonist. *Jill Leech Photo*

Did you ever find yourself searching through your bookbag for that quarter that you swore was only for emergencies? Freshmen often found themselves calling friends or family when they needed a ride to and from events. Most of the time however, they were more concerned with finding a ride to and from school. While waiting for her sister after school, Marianne Moon said, "Beth is forever staying after school, she must not realize that I have things to do too!" Her friend, Christine Corrin told her about the time her ride wrecked the car and said, "Staying after for your sister is nothing, remember that time I had to ride the bus; and it smelled?" As Beth was walking down the hall Marianne said, "You're right, I guess it's not that bad."

Some students even paid for their ride. Keith Davis said, "I would gladly pay not to ride the bus every day!" The cost of riding with an upperclassmen was often higher for the upperclassmen themselves. Senior Laila Qureshi said, "I don't give my brother a ride to school, yeah, so why suffer the humiliation?" Ahmed, her brother, felt the same way, "I don't want to be seen with her, even if her parking spot is closer than the bus loop. Besides, I just run everywhere I go."



DOES ANYBODY NEED A RIDE?

BY JILL LEECH



Tony Ferrell
Mark Fiore
Antonia Fisher-Duke
Meredith Fitzgerald
Monica Flanagan
Casey Foster

Will Foster
Whitney Fraker
John Francis
Carlos Frith
Chris Frohn
Erin Fyne

Dyrae Gambrell
Rachel Garrett
Chad Garris
Shanell Garris
Amy Gediman
John Gibney

Elizabeth Gill
Kristen Gill
Jimmy Gilsdorf
Patrick Goff
Ann Goodman
Chad Goodwin



Robert Griffin
Tommy Grissmeyer
Robert Grosch
Ryan Hainer
Shawn Hall
Sarah Hamilton



Tracy Hamilton
Justin Hamlet
David Hamm
Sean Harcum
Ashley Harris
Robert Harris



Bryan Harrison
Jared Hassard
Alex Hemingway
Adam Herndon
Mason Herndon
Kendall Herring



Paul Hetterich
Carolyn Heuser
Brandi Hickey
Shiffon Hill
Daniel Hinchman
Skylar Holbrook



Jennifer Holden
Hugh Hoo-Fatt
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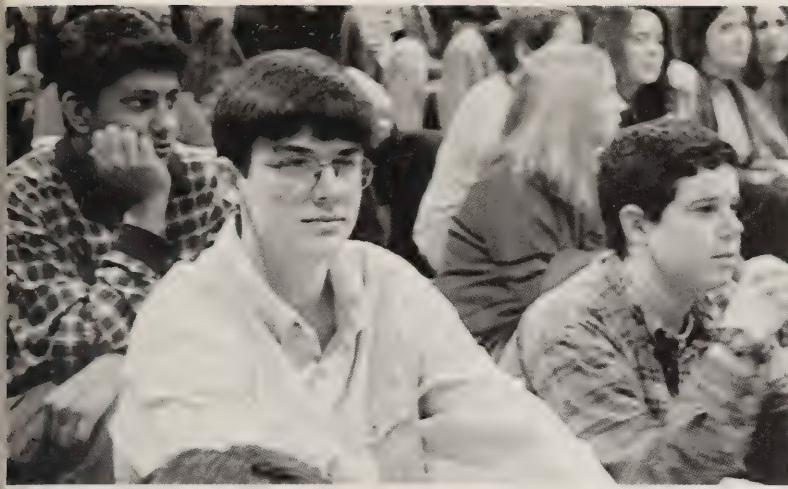


Luci Hughes
Matt Hughes
Chandler Huling
Ashley Hutchinson
Lee Hutchinson
Herbert Hyman



Ristina Ingram
Michael Jennings
Chris Johnson
Kathryn Johnson
Chauncey Jones
Jonah Juhase





Freshmen Vinay Channaiah, Andrew Norton and Justin Jamlet attentively watch the events taking place at the winter sports pep rally. The Rapid Motion Dancers, cheerleaders, wrestlers, indoor track, and both girls and boys basketball teams were featured at the pep rally. *Kathy Hoof*
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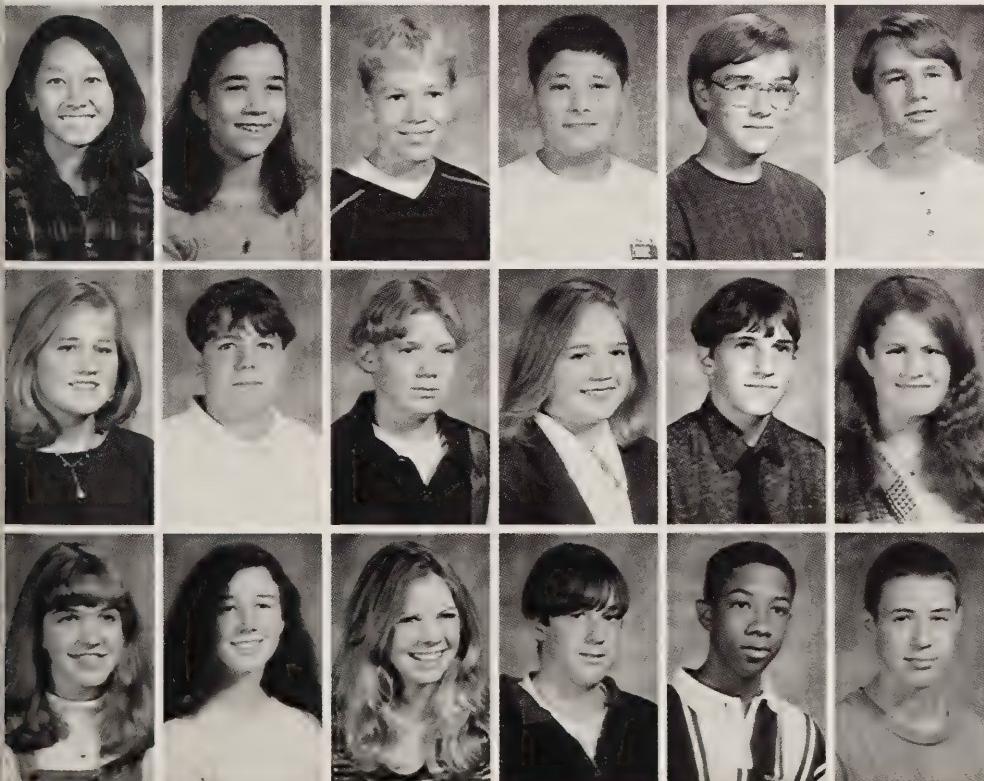
Pep rallies were the place where juniors and seniors tended to degrade the underclassmen. Upperclassmen would throw things, hold up signs and yell things at the freshmen. "I don't like getting toilet paper thrown at me. Some of us (freshmen) are scared or intimidated by the upperclassmen," said Nikki Rudd. During the pep rallies most freshmen sat down, while sophomores, juniors and seniors stood up, cheered, and ran around. "The only reason that I participated as much as I did was that I got to sit with my field hockey team, and we sat near the juniors. I got to escape the part of being made fun of as a freshman, so I had fun," said freshman Jeannie Speed. For those freshmen who did not get to sit with a different class, many say that pep rallies are a waste of time. Freshman James Vlasidis said, "I think that the pep rallies are boring and stupid, and they are not much fun. That's why I don't participate." Some freshmen thought that if the whole freshmen class just started to act like the other classes at the pep rallies that they would not be made fun of as much. Kelly Cline said, "I think that if a few people just stood up and acted crazy, many other freshmen would follow. Then we would not have been made fun of for not participating, and all of us would have had fun."

Heather Kain, Mindy Belcher, and Jessica Seo pay close attention to the pie eating contest. One member from each class had to find a hidden piece of gum in the pie, open the wrapper, and then blow a bubble to win. Matt Miffliton won the contest for the senior class. *Kathy Hoof*
Photo



KISS OUR CLASS

ROBIE GLASCO



Carol Jun
Heather Kain
Jeff Kane
Thomas Karras
Andrew Kelsey
Johnathan Kerns

Lisa Kidd
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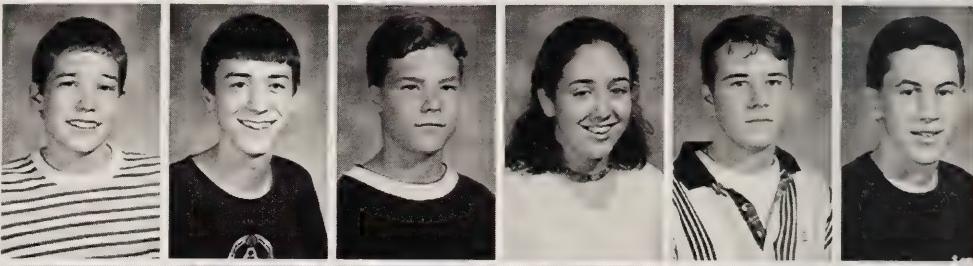
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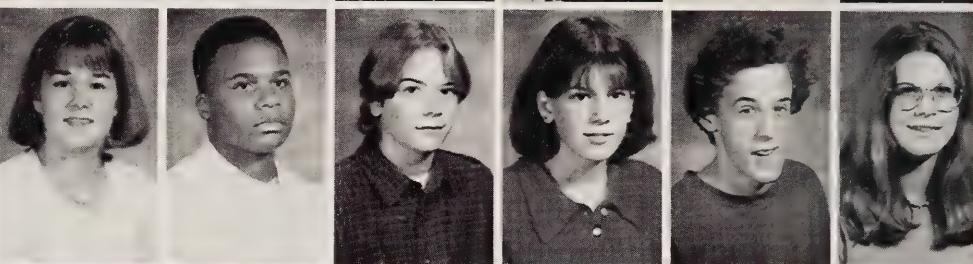
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Greg Marsh
Debra Marshall
Julie Marshall
Scott Martin
Shauna Martin



Carrie Mason
Jarred Mason
Grant Matthews
Jamie Matthews
Justin May
Angela Mays



Meredith McBean
Anthony McBrien
Shannon McCormack
Tyler McCormick
Jonthan McDearmon
Laura McDonald



Kristin McKeon
Kelly McMahon
Raymond Meadows
Aditya Mehta
Matt Merson
Cassie Meyer



Daniel Miles
Carl Miller
Chris Miller
Robert Miller
Dawn Mills
Adil Mirza



Diana Montemayor
Marianne Moon
Amanda Moore
Alexis Morehouse
Clay Morris
Glen Morris





Tyler McCormick didn't like the mall. "I don't go to the mall because it is stupid, but the arcade place is cool," he said. McCormick was one of the few freshmen that seemed to have better things to do than go to the mall for hours. Since he doesn't go to the mall, he spends most of his time at home. Crystal Pritchard Photo

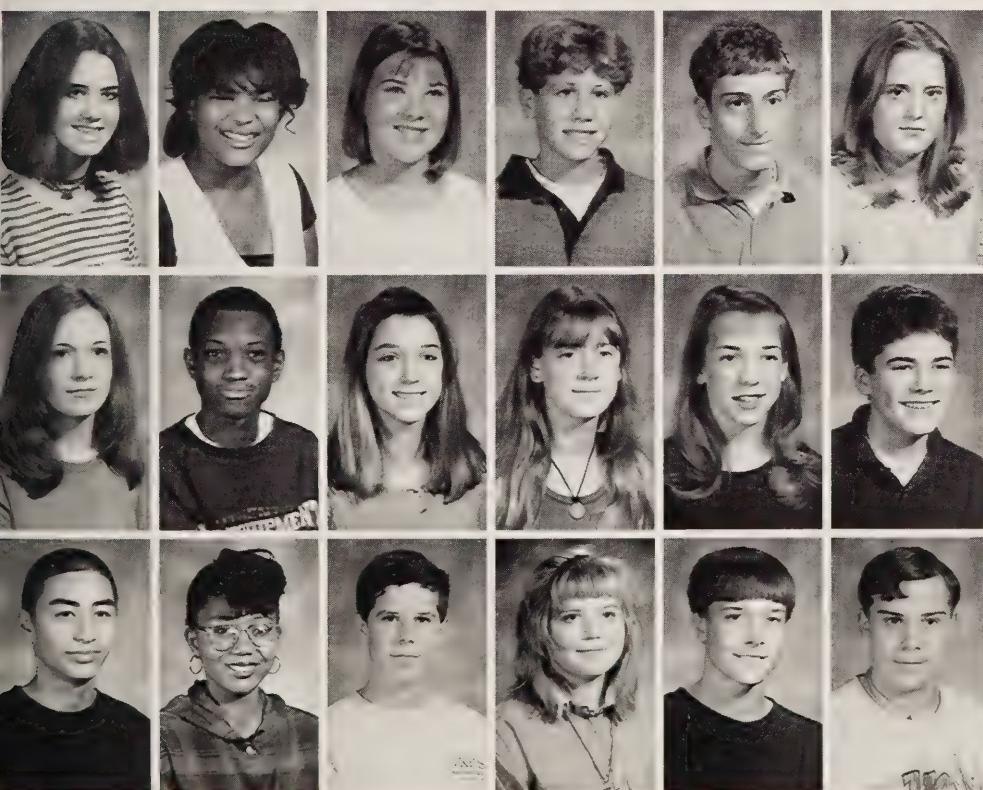
"I go to the mall to hang out with my friends and meet girls," said Joe Oley. Chesterfield Towne Center was the only mall in the area with Gap, Express, American Eagle Outfitters and Eddie Bauer. Here freshmen found the items they were looking for. It seems that most freshman that go to the mall, go to either hang out with friends or meet the opposite sex. Jessica Pfeiffer said, "I like to go to the mall to shop." She was one of the rare few that went to the mall simply to shop. Most people that went usually hung out in the food court or walked around. Jeannie Speed said, "When I went to the mall, I usually liked to sit and talk with friends in the food court." James Savarese and Trip Wray who works at USA salad and Bagel are two of the freshmen that actually work at the mall. Other people, however; went to the mall because of the theater. "I go to the mall mostly to watch movies," said Erin Nance. Then there were the freshmen that seemed obsessed with the mall. For instance, there was Chris Miller, who went to the mall five times a week and Brigit Walton who went about four. It started to make one wonder what was so great about the mall. How can people stay in one place for such long periods of time four or five times a week simply to walk around or to sit? Only the freshmen would know.

Nikki Rudd stops in gym class for a minute to discuss the mall. "I like to go to the mall to meet cute guys," said Rudd. Since people think that there are cute guys all over, Rudd had a lot to choose from. She went to the mall usually every other weekend, typically to meet people. Crystal Pritchard Photo



LITTLE MALL RATS

BY CRYSTAL PRITCHARD



Mary Anne Morrison
Lateya Moseley
Ashlea Moseley
Brent Moses
Terry Mosteller
Martha Muir

Lauren Murphy
Jason Naggles
Erin Nance
Jessica New
Jennifer Newman
Jared Newton

David Nguyen
Tanishsa Nicholson
Andrew Norton
Lindsay Nuckols
Jonathan Nystrom
Michael Oberry

Jeff O'Dell
Tim Odom
Joe Oley
Rick Overbey
Rai Pace
Daniel Pacific



Jason Paley
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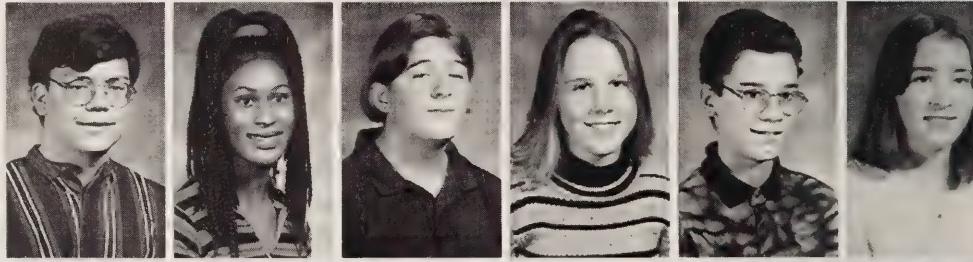
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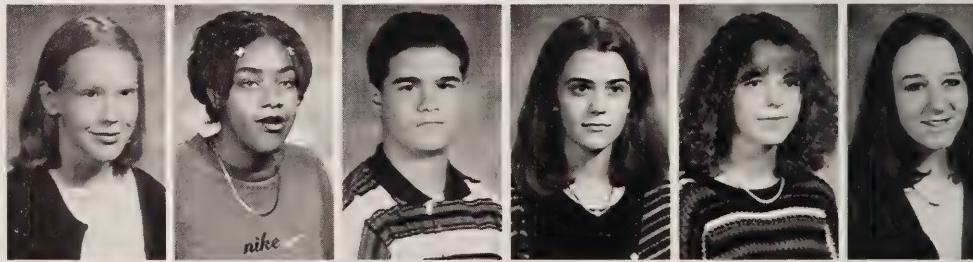
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James Roberson
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Kelly Robertson



Katie Robins
Tiffanie Robinson
Jason Rodriguez
Sarah Rodriguez
Jennifer Rogers
Jennifer Romandy



Shaeteka Ross
Monica Rudd
Nicolette Rudd
Ricky Ruiz
Sakura Samorn
Brianne Sapp





Kendall Herring does a trick on a homemade box. He and his friends built boxes and ramps to skate. Herring often spent time during his afternoons skateboarding through his neighborhood, but sometimes he and other skateboarders couldn't find an empty lot or street to use.

Almitra Corey Photo

Matt Walton tries to grind this box. Freshman skateboarders were always trying out new tricks. After reading many skateboarding magazines, watching videos, going to demos and learning from their friends, freshman skaters would often practice all of their new tricks afterschool.

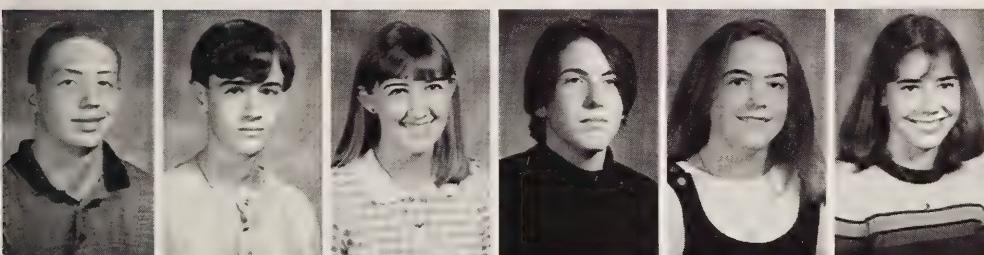
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Ever wonder what freshmen do after school? They can't drive cars, but they aren't limited to the two wheels of a bike either. Instead of riding their ten speeds a growing number of freshmen turned to the board. The skateboard that is. Rather than talking about tires, spokes, and banana seats of bicycles, they talked about the decks, trucks, and wheels of skateboards. Kendall Herring and his friends often skates around their neighborhoods or in parking lots. "We used to skate at Ryan's Steakhouse because it was abandoned, and the parking lot was big, but we got kicked out. Now we skate up at IGA," said Herring. It might not have sounded very interesting to some people, but for these freshmen, skating was addicting. They spent all of their free time trying out new tricks and skating with friends. Skateboarders made friends easily because as long as people were willing to try out new tricks and be nice they all got along great. When they were not skateboarding, they were building ramps and boxes to use in their neighborhoods. After they finished working on those, freshmen could be found reading skateboarding magazines, watching skateboarding videos, or going to skateboarding demos. But who says all they do is skate?

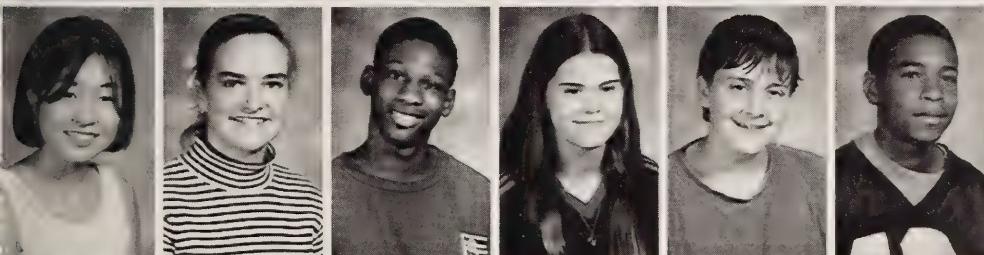


SKATEBOARDING IS LIFE

BY ALMITRA COREY



Chris Sapp
James Savarese
Kathy Schenk
Hale Schneider
Valerie Schollaert
Christy Schroeder



Jessica Seo
Anne Severin
Isaiah Seward
Maria Shacrew
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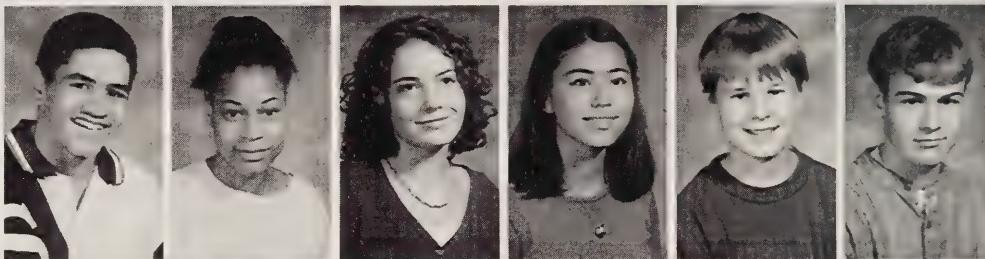
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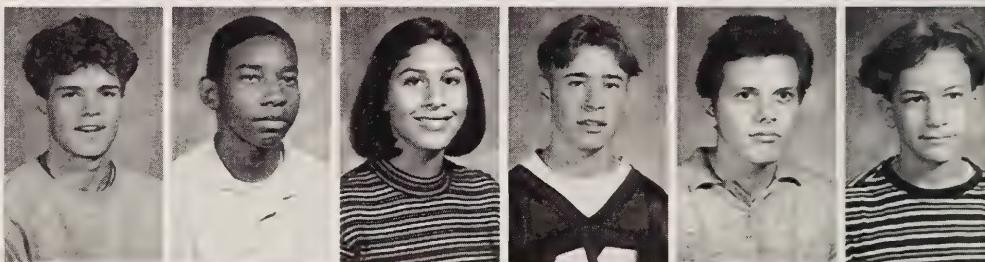
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Karin Swenson
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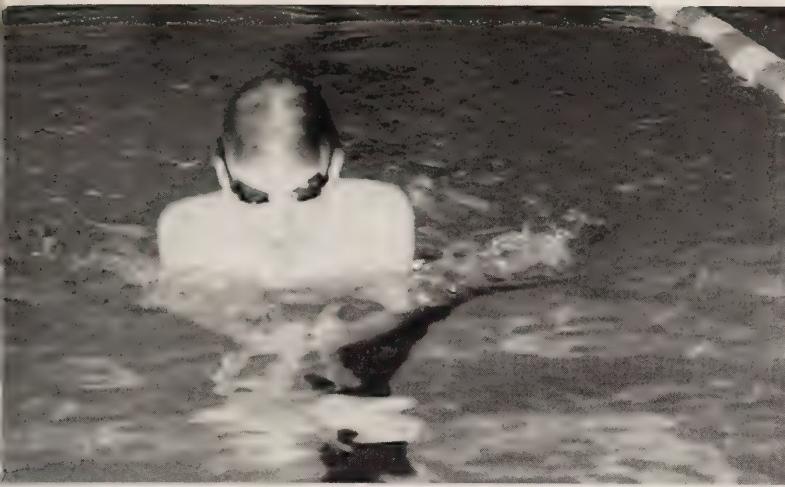


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Vernice Vaughan
Willard Vaughn



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Ryan Walsh
Susan Walsh





Patrick Loth swims breast stroke at a swim clinic sponsored by Robious Sports and Fitness. "Hopefully, I will still be swimming competitively in five years. Probably not in the Olympics but in college or nationally," said Loth. Often students have talents that they hope to pursue in the future.
Collin Quinn Photo

Mason Herdan works on a drawing in his Technical Drawing class. "I could see myself in college preparing to become an architect," Herdan added. Technical Drawing and other classes are often used by students to prepare themselves for college or future occupations. Collin Quinn Photo

WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN FIVE YEARS?

"I'll be in the Russian Mafia hiding somewhere." Tripp Wray

"A vampire hiding under the streets in a underground cult." Ben Thomas

"Hopefully we will both be at UVA." Carolyn Desmond and Mary Beall

"It's a tie between living in Guatemala and in school at VCU." Buffi Gill

"Probably in the military working toward college." Robert Dow

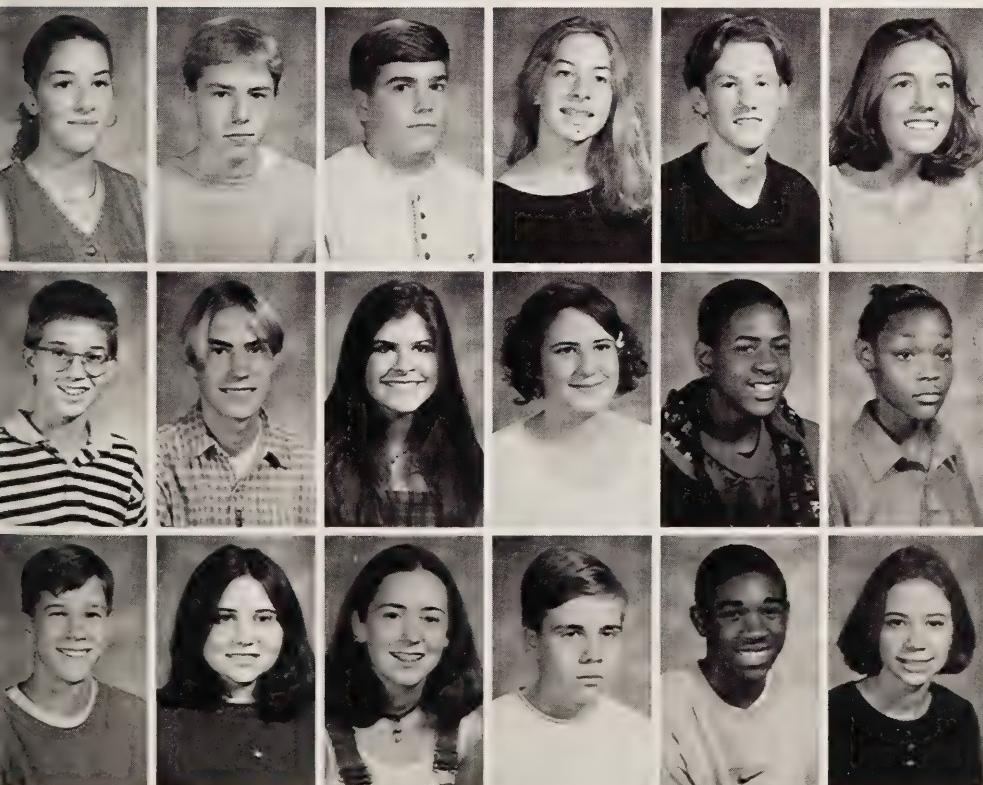
"I will be a star, singing on Broadway." Sara Werner

"Working through acting school to become an actress." Anna Cafazza



DREAMING OF THE FUTURE

BY: COLLIN QUINN



Bridget Walton
Matt Walton
Tommy Walton
Penny Warnick
Jason Watson
Sarah Werner

Justin Wertman
Bruce Wilhelm
Katy Williams
Leslie Williams
Mario Williams
Octavie Williams

Ben Williamson
Kelly Willis
Megan Willis
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Mary Wise

Billy Woodfin
Tripp Wray
Matt Wright
Sarah Young
Philip Younger



WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

BY HOPE BAKER

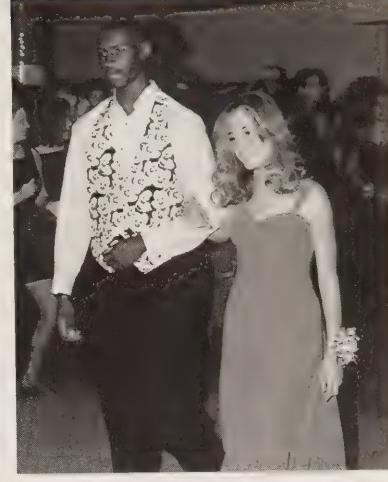


A freshman English class reads an assignment from their brand new English book. Freshmen had to get used to lugging around heavier books and sitting through 110 minute classes. Freshmen were not alone in this adjustment; however, the entire school figured it out together. Hope Baker Photo

Casey Foster and Carolyn Heuser ride bikes during their gym class. Though many things change between middle school and high school, students are still required to take gym. Unlike middle school; however, high school students only were only required to take P. E. for two years. Hope Baker photo

Everyone says there is a major difference between high school and middle school. Once again the former high and mighty eighth graders have fallen to the bottom and have re taken the rank of freshmen. Freshmen have their ups and downs about being in high school. Tommy Walton liked high school better because he was able to chew gum in class. Though in middle school, this offense won students a detention, in high school most teachers didn't mind it. "We have a lot more freedom, the classes are mixed in with other grades, and we have a lot more responsibility in high school," said Maureen Powers and Jaclyn Bailey. Another difference was the ride situation; most freshmen rode the big yellow bus, but a few lucky ones were able to hitch rides with older friends or siblings. One adjustment that not only the freshmen, but the entire student body, had to make was learning the new schedule. It was a lot different than the schedules they had in middle school. "Actually high school seems easier than middle school, but I'm grounded more," said Jason Von Moll. Some said that high school was harder, and others thought it was actually easier, but one thing was for sure, it was better than walking the halls at Robious Middle.

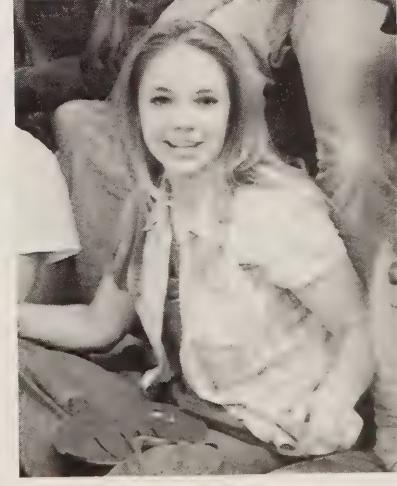




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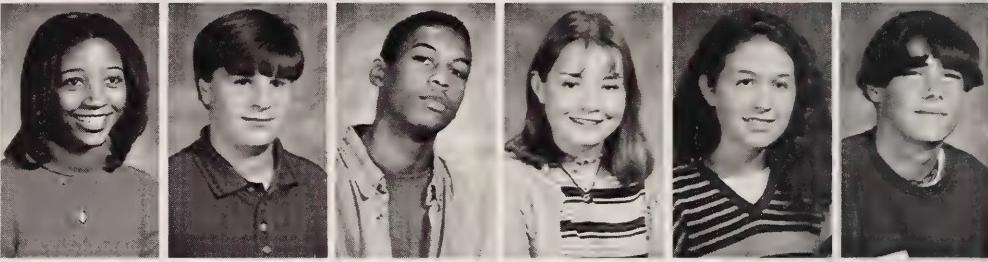
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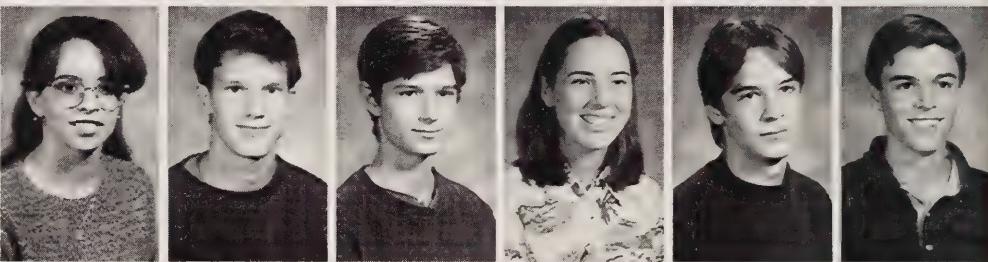
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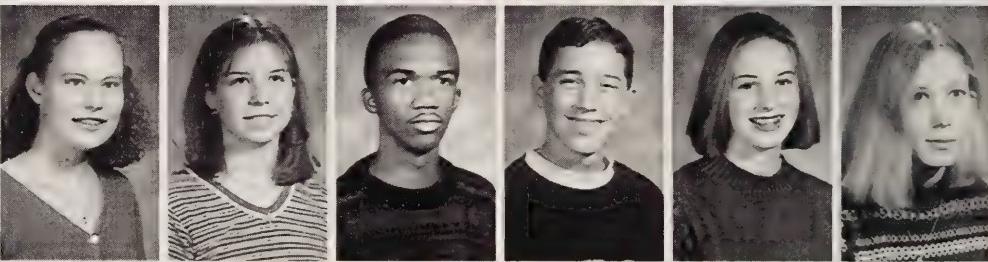
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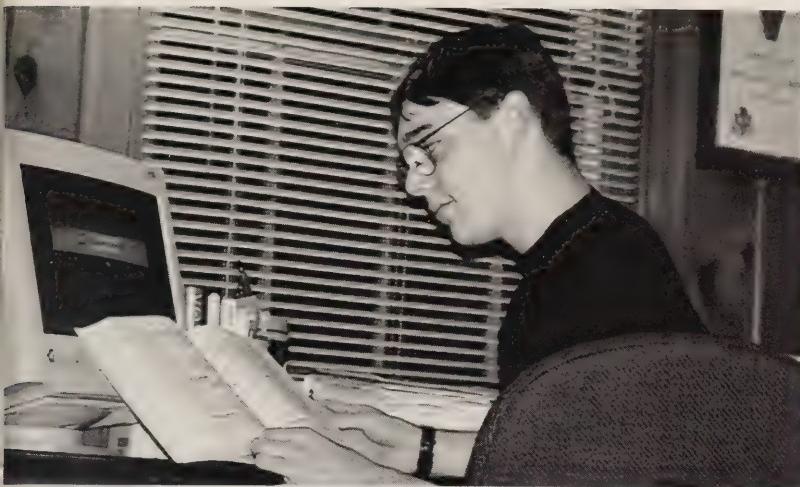


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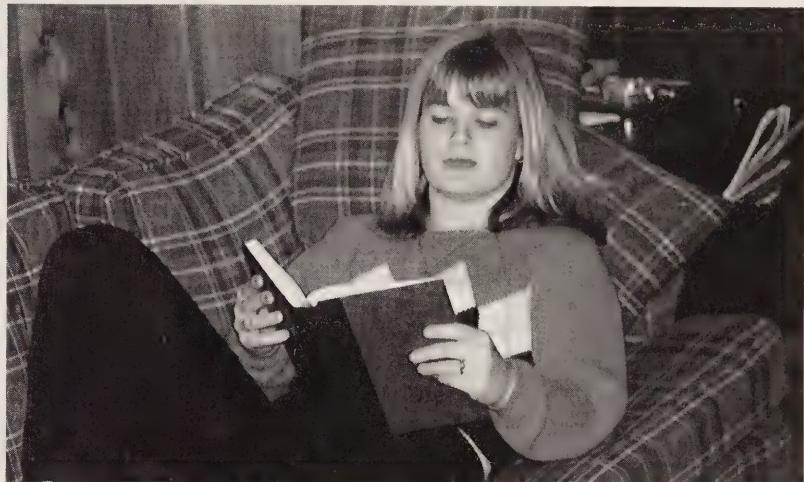
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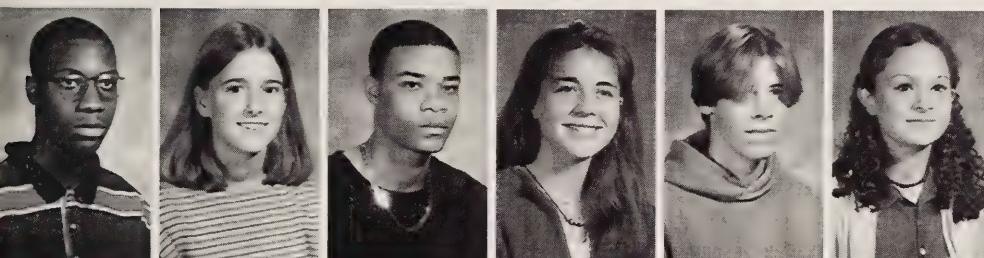
Logan McKinley bends thoughtfully over a computer manual. When it came down to it, he took computers over books anytime. As a result, his favorite "novels" were actually the books he referred to in order to design web pages for local organizations and businesses. Kate Lotts Photo

Faces crinkle with laughter as Adam Harber spoke for his classmates, saying "I don't remember the last time I had time..." But then the room quieted and its occupants look thoughtful; I awaited an answer to my seemingly innocent question -- "What was the last book you read and enjoyed?" Finally, Tracy Carroll chimed in with Cruel and Unusual, a recent novel from Richmond author Patricia Cornwell. At another table, Fransico Folgar looked up with a delighted smile and said, "Micheal Crichton. Eaters of the Dead." They were on a roll; Whitney Watson and Jenese Reid both named works from Anne Rice's The Vamire Chronicles, and Tibby Lawrence reached across my paper to scrawl Strange Highways, by Dean Kontz. I notice a trend and Alison Woodlee's favorite -- Mary Higgins Clarke's Let Me Call You Sweetheart. -- confirms it; the books chosen for in-school reading are not the novels of choice. "Its stressful," said Beth Taylor, "to read in school. There's too much stress to find meaning...and not enough time to do it!" added Reid. Everyone agreed, though, that some "school books" (like The Crucible) deserved a place on this favorite book list, and from the look of this week's homework board, those were about the only books these students were going to be reading any time soon.

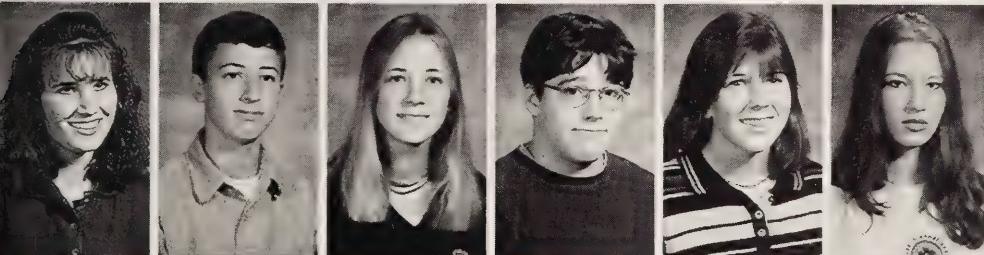


NEVERREADING STORY

BY KATE LOTTS



Darnell Burrell
Rachel Burton
Craig Butts
Krissy Callahan
Josh Cannon
Megan Carchman



Melissa Carlton
Michael Carlton
Tracy Carroll
Ryan Casey
Valerie Casey
Stephanie Cates



Spencer Caudle
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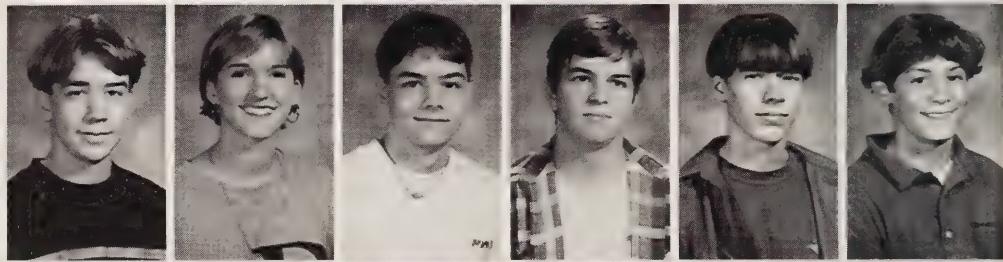
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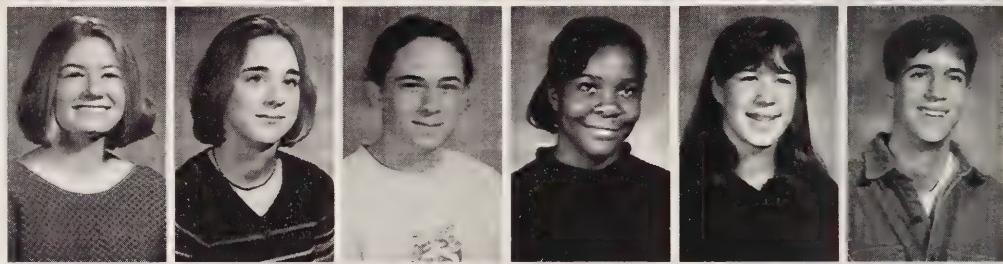
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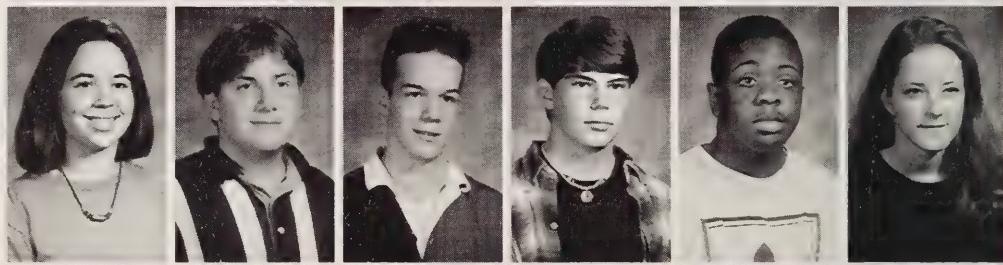
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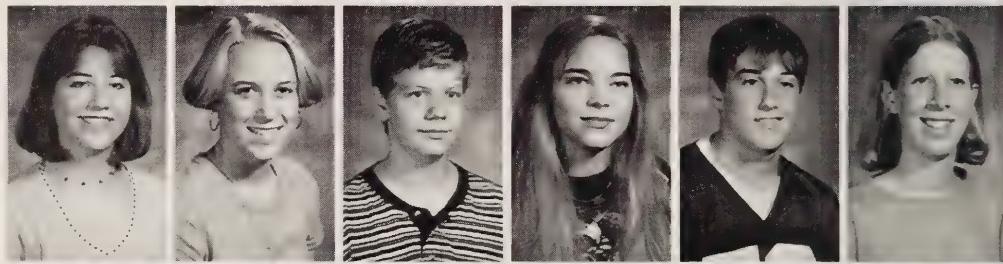
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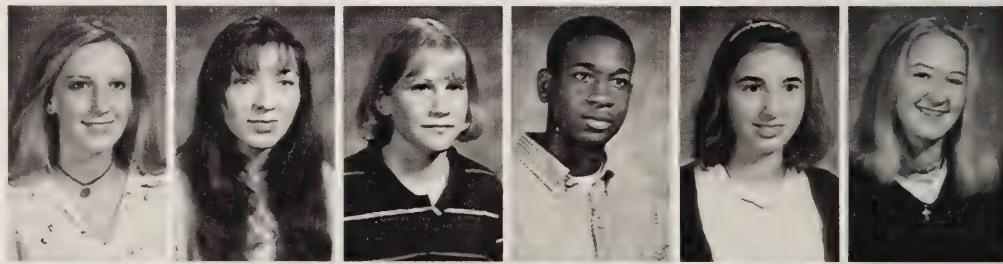
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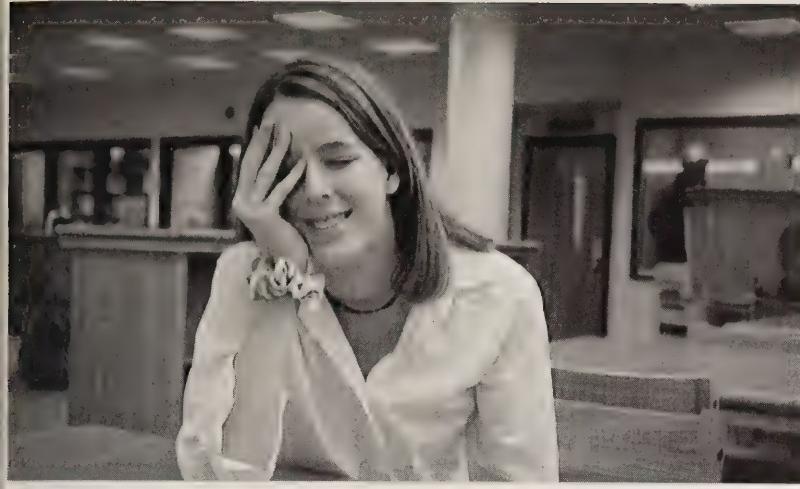


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Kathryn Devor
Tiffany Dewey
Mark Dillard
Jennifer Doll
Lauren Donovan



Margaret Doran
Julie Doutt
Kyle Draucker
Jennifer Dundon
Michael Dwyer
Leah Easter





Cringing at her memories, Shelly Siceloff tells all about why she runs for the phone to catch it before the second ring. "Every time the phone rings and it's a guy my mom calls out in this really cutsie voice, 'Shelly... it's a boy,' right into the receiver! I think she enjoys embarrassing me." said Siceloff. Emily May Photo

Tiffany Lewis' mom attacks her with a hippo hand puppet. "I'm usually the one embarrassing her, but sometimes we just end up looking stupid together," said Lewis. Teenagers have always been good at embarrassing their parents, but the parents still embarrass best. Emily May Photo

WHAT IS THE MOST EMBARRASSING THING YOUR PARENTS HAVE EVER DONE TO YOU?

"I got stuck in this little corner of the UltraZone parking lot, and these people kept staring at me and getting in the way. Then, my dad hopped out of the car and said, 'You guys are in danger, this is a teenage driving lesson!'"

Tara Ellison

"I was at a dance in 8th grade and I had just met this guy. When my dad came to pick me up he walked in with his long beard and this really weird hat looking exactly like Indiana Jones. Then he called out "Hey Julie" really loud and obnoxious."

Julie Doutt

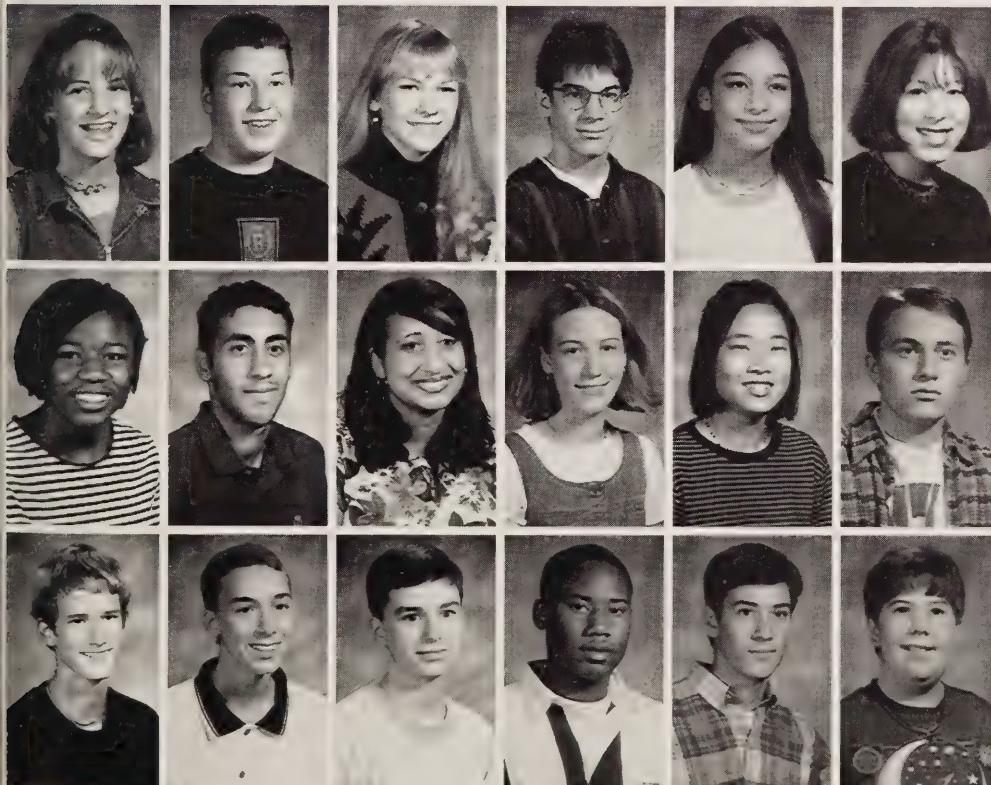
"My dad just starts singing in the middle of nowhere all the time."

Angie Tran



REALITY BITES

BY EMILY MAY



Jenna Eddy
Kevin Edens
Erika Edmiston
John Effinger
Victoria Ellis
Tara Ellison

Oludolapo Falase
Jason Farag
Susie Farag
Erin Fasig
Teresa Feher
Michael Ferrara

Justin Finch
Chris Fincham
Christopher Flemming
Terrance Florence
Francisco Folgar
Kay Foster

Jennifer Fulcher

Melissa Fuqua

Alan Furnas

Terell Gambrell

Nicholas Gardner

Angela Gaspard



Linwood Gates

Jami Gelineau

Crystal Gentry

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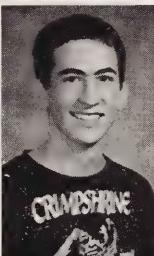
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Erin Heiry

Chris Heiser

Rachel Hewitt

Erick Hice

Sara Hildebrand



BJ Hill

Peter Hill

Caitlin Hines

Jeremy Hise

Kenneth Holder

Farrell Holderfield



Travis Holman

Ginny Holt

Megan Hoover

Mark Hoskins

Brendan Hoyle

Chad Hoyle-Harris





Justin Finch, Chris Chandler, and Brian Ault do a special drill in their P.E. class in order to improve their golf swings. Golf was one of the many sports that sophomores played in P.E. Exercises like this one were often used during class to teach students a particular skill. Kaiser Virani Photo

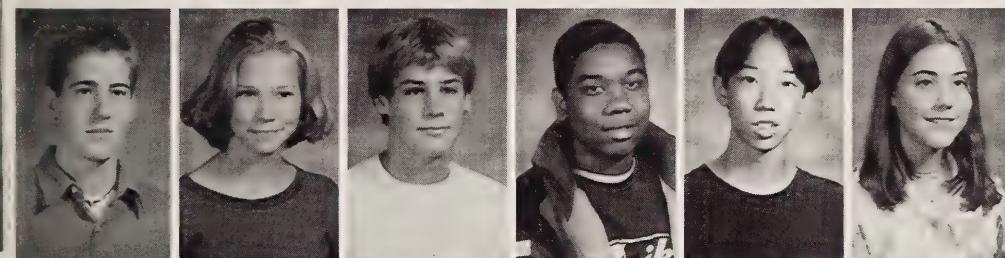
Ellen Baum sits and watches as her P.E. teacher demonstrates how to serve the birdie correctly in the game of badminton. In P.E. students learned the rules for many well-known sports. "Sometimes P.E. gets boring because every year we play the same sports," said Baum. Kate Sauvain Photo

P.E. started in Kindergarten as a fun time to run around the gym but through the years evolved into having to change into ugly gym uniforms and having to play the same old sports over and over again. Tenth grade was the last year that P.E. was a required course, and many students were happy that the end of their P.E. years was finally in sight. Every year P.E. students participated in sports like volleyball, badminton, and basketball, and students felt it was getting a little old. Leah Berkowitz said, "I hate changing and then getting sweaty right before my next class." There were some good reasons to take P.E. though. P.E. class gave students a chance to move around after sitting down all day. Holli Blackwell said, "One good thing about P.E. is that it gives people who don't work out or belong to a sports club a chance to exercise." After taking sophomore P.E. students had fulfilled their gym requirements. Some students; however, opted to take Advanced P.E. later, for they enjoyed the exercise and the skills that were taught. Advanced P.E. students also left the building to explore skills that couldn't be taught in the classroom. Susan Longest said, "I think it would be really fun to take advanced P.E. They do a lot of fun things and go on a lot of neat field trips."

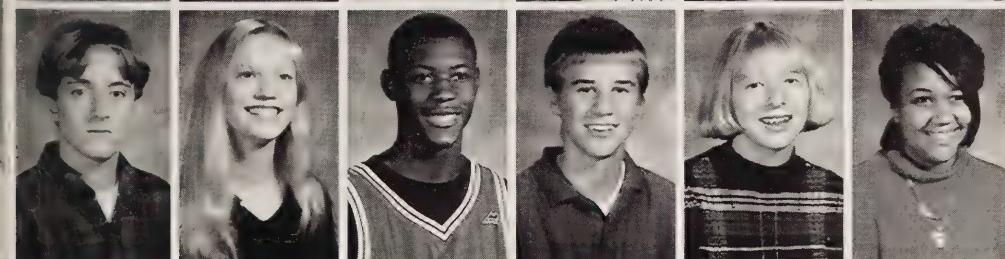


FREEDOM AT LAST

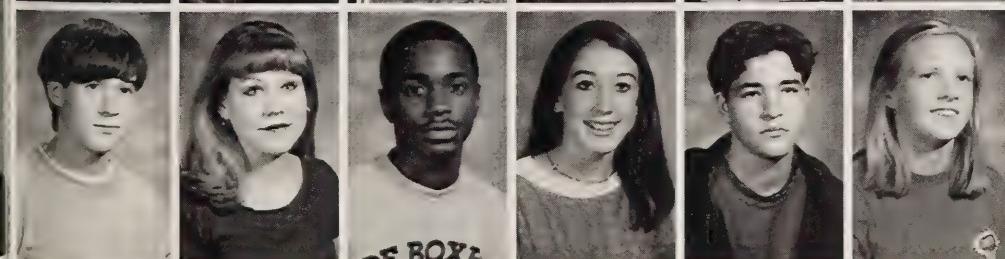
BY KATE SAUVAIN



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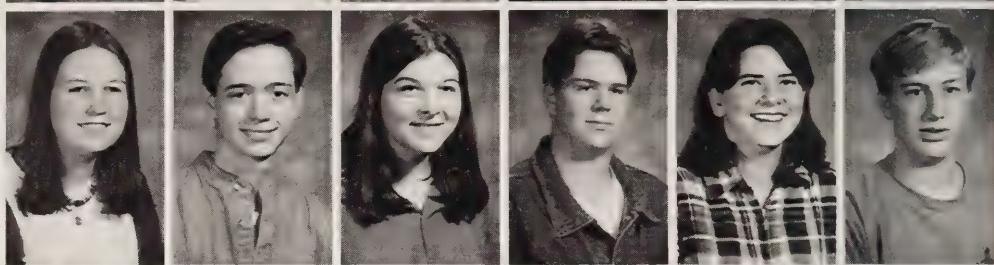


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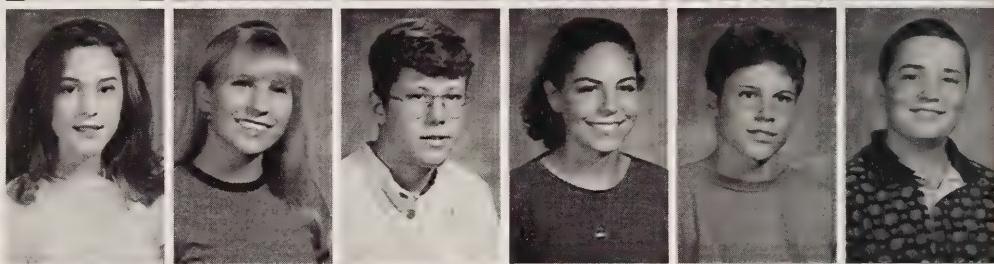
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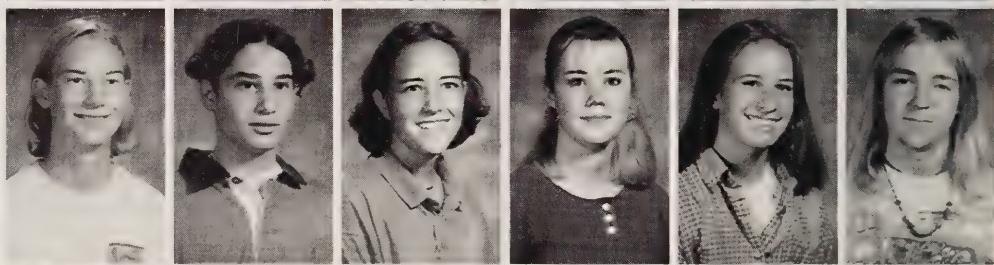
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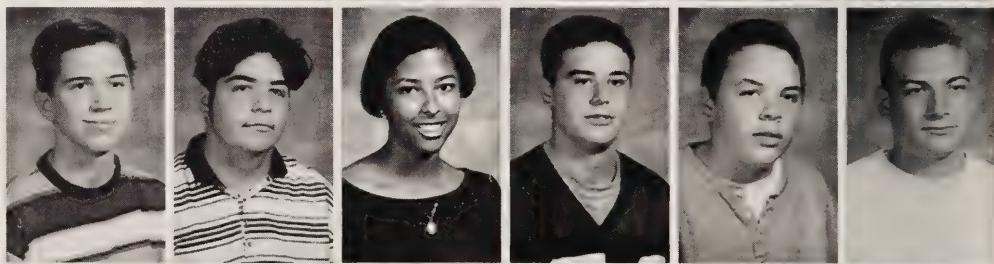
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Jonathan Lowery
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Tim Magin
Dominic Magrini
Brain Mahne



Shelby Maldonado
Jaye Morolla
Meredith Marshall
Kelley Martin
Jamil Mashore
Stephanie Mason





Jourdan Grez completes his homework after school in the open commons. Grez spent time with his friends talking, eating food from the vending machines, and studying for German while waiting for his ride. "Homework; I will overcome it, he he , ha ha" said Grez. Richard Laning Photo

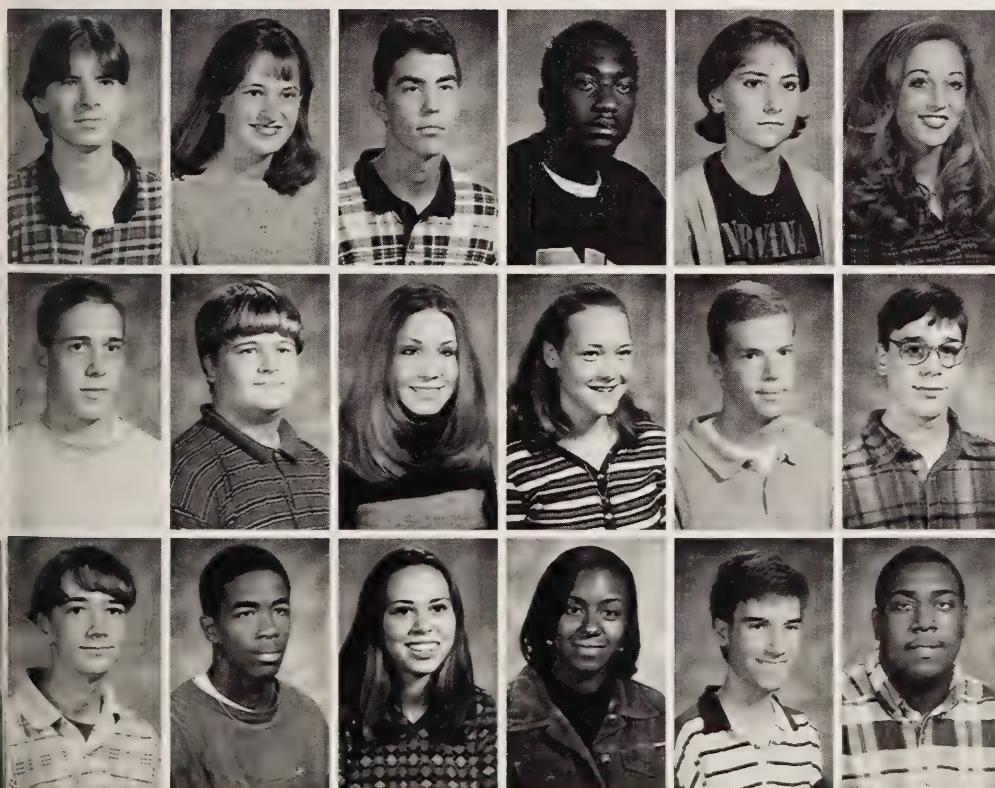
Is textbook type permanently burned on your retina, do you dream about math deep in sleep and wonder how man decided what a plus sign looks like? If so, you probably have been doing way too much homework. Homework was an inevitable part of school suggested to be given to all Chesterfield County School students since third grade as an "educational supplement" to classroom instruction. Due to the change in schedules from four to seven classes, many students complained about the abundance of it. "All I do is study, and all I get is dissatisfaction; I just can't win under this stupid schedule," said David Trombley. Others, however, don't care how much homework they get. "I don't do my homework anyway, why do I care if the county thinks I should waste my time. I am not a fool. If I applied myself I guess homework could be an advantageous expenditure of my time" said Kearney Vertner. And there are even some people who do their home work in other venues. "I do my homework on the bus; I have better things to do at home," said Adam Wright. Homework can take many forms, from worksheets to studying and short essays to term papers. Homework has been part of learning for generations; therefore, it's nothing new.



Emily May, completes her English homework in the vocabulary book during one of her classes. She also, was helping Kate Sauvain study for a chemistry test. Some students found friends to be helpful along with textbooks and notes when studying, for they can often explain hard to grasp concepts. Richard Laning Photo

WHAT DID I LEARN?

BY RICHARD LANING



Stephen Mathieu
Emily May
Kevin May
Terrell May
Jessie Maynard
Elizabeth McCaskey

Greg McChesney
Charles McGaffic
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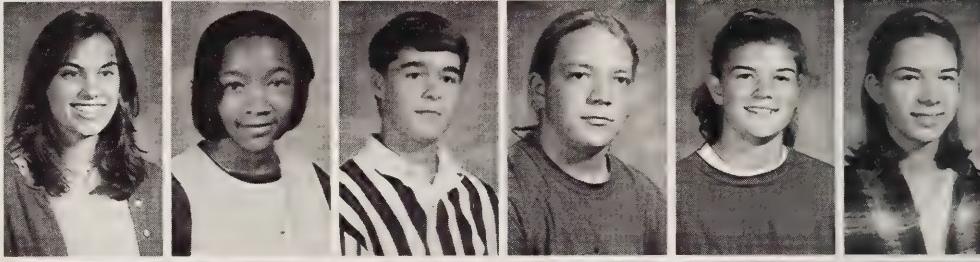
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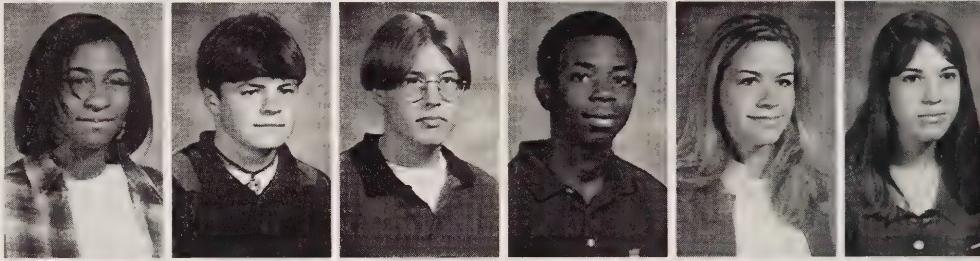
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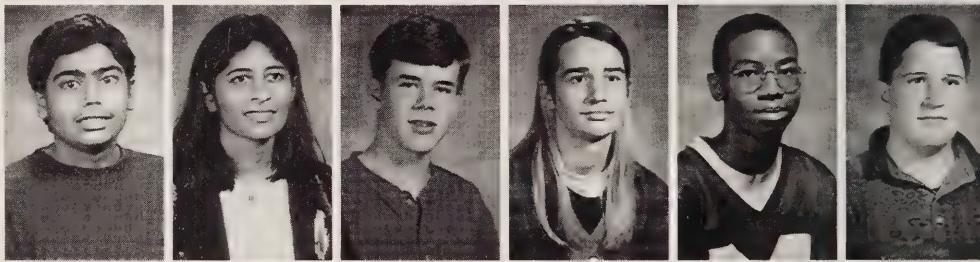
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Hiren Patel
Punita Patel
Jonathan Pavlik
Ben Peebles
Jermaine Pettis
Adam Phenix



Andy Phillips
Justin Pittman
Justin Poole
Jennie Porter
Marie Potter
Marc Price



John Pulli
Erica Ranson
Jenese Reid
Mary Reilly
Adam Reinhard
Heather Rempkowski





otoya Taylor and Megan Konrad check the oil and look over the car before they start driving. It was required that students check over the car and to show the instructor their permit each day. Neighborhoods such as Roxshire and Salisbury were popular choices for residential driving. Irene Vlasidis Photo

Driver's Ed. student, Michael Baily, began his first day of behind the wheel reversing in the rain. He was taught to check all the gauges and mirrors before starting the automobile. "I'm not nervous, I'm excited about taking the course because I want my license really badly," said Baily. Irene Vlasidis Photo

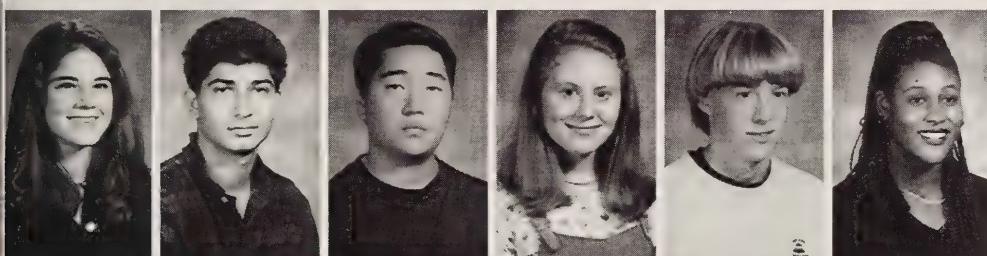
How many cars do you know of that have two brake pedals? Behind the wheel instructional cars do. Behind the wheel was designed to teach students the basic skills, and knowledge of driving needed to pass the course and to receive a drivers license. "We teach the basic skills, provide students with as many learning experiences as possible and enforce the rules of safe driving," said LaDona Meade. Four items were needed to take behind the wheel: a check for \$100, a learner's permit, a completed test for a learner's permit, and Driver's Education Course. Sophomore Chris Chandler said, "It was pretty easy and laid back, but I enjoyed taking the seven day course."

The main topics covered during the seven day course are parallel parking, evasive driving, lane changing, speed maintenance, left and right hand turns, and highway driving. "My favorite item that we covered was driving on the highway because I could at least go 55 mph," said Jason Farag. On the other hand, Kevin Powers said, "I enjoy one on one type teaching and working with students who are motivated to learn." The county is purchasing new Chevrolet Cavaliers with dual air bags for the safety of students and instructors.



DRIVING SAFELY

BY: IRENE VLASIDIS



Nicole Reyes
Saad Reza
You-Seop Rhim
Becky Rhinehart
Will Ritter
Tiffani Roberson



Michael Robertson
Misty Robinson
Emily Roper
Melissa Rubinos
Emalee Rupert
Clay Rushing



Brook Rutz
Kate Sauvain
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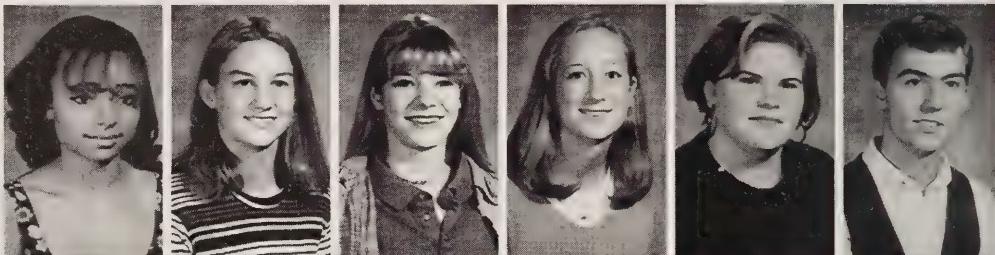
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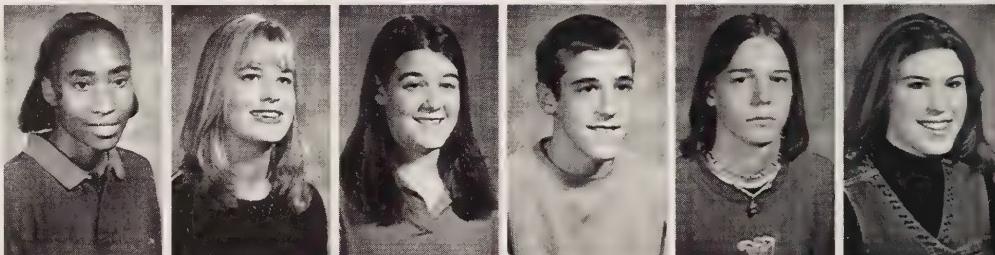
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Jason Thomas
Jenna Thomas



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Rachel Tokarz
Anh-Thu Tran
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Meg Turner
Rebecca Turner



Debbie Tyler
Wendy Uber
Jonathan Unger
Erica Van Voorhis
Laura Vance
Alexis Vann



Bryan Vass
Gustavo Vega
Kearny Vertner
Brian Wade
Steven Warriner
Jill Waters





Breea Watson and Steven Waters, her boyfriend, spend time together in art class. They have a hard time finding ways to see each other, because either of them drive. "I usually get a friend to drive," said Watson. Despite these obstacles, they find plenty of time to spend with one another. Melissa Pugh Photo

Melissa Carlton and junior Ryan Wilbourne say good-bye before going to their classes. They do not have as difficult a time seeing each other as other couples do, because Ryan drives, still they try to spend as much time together as possible, including breaks between classes at school. Kathy Hoof Photo

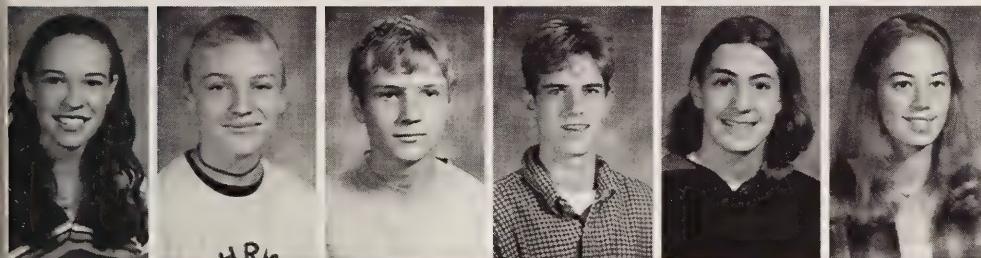
Did you ever wonder how sophomores date when they do not drive? They could get their parents to drive, or ride their bikes, but if they are like many sophomores, they have older friends that drive or the person they are dating drives. If not, this could cause some problems to arise. "I've only dated older guys and they've always driven." said Megan Hoover. If they were not lucky and got stuck with a non-driver, they probably had to ask a friend to drive. "Double-dating is an easy way to getting around the problem of finding a ride, besides it can be a lot of fun," said Marie Potter.

If neither person drove, how would they see the one they love? Ferrel Holderfield and Marc Grabowski said, "We get someone older to take us somewhere, hope to meet up with the girl we are seeing, get her dropped off at Marc's house, or we'll strap her to our ten-speeds and go out." Finding older friends who will cart them around may not be easy to come by, because many people have jobs or other priorities. If they needed to see their significant other and could not find a ride and worse came to worse they could always ask a parent to drive. Being a sophomore and not being able to drive can be hectic, but it is one of the many wonderful obstacles of high school.

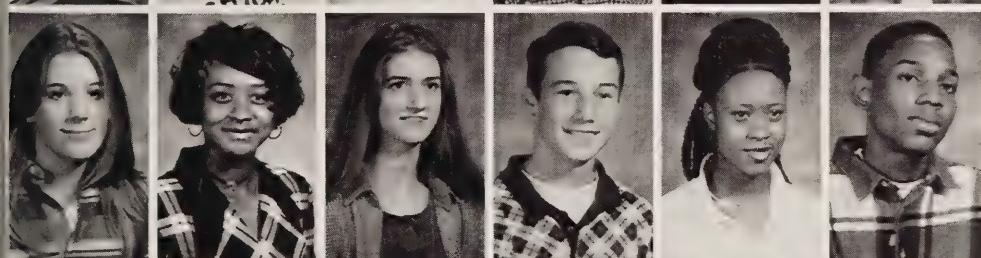


THEY PARENTS OR YOURS?

BY MELISSA PUGH



Breea Watson
Ben Watts
Chris Watts
Markus Weisner
Alex Weisz
Jane Wells



Meredith Westerhouse
Cheryl White
Alyson Williams
Josh Williams
Markita Williams
Quentin Williams

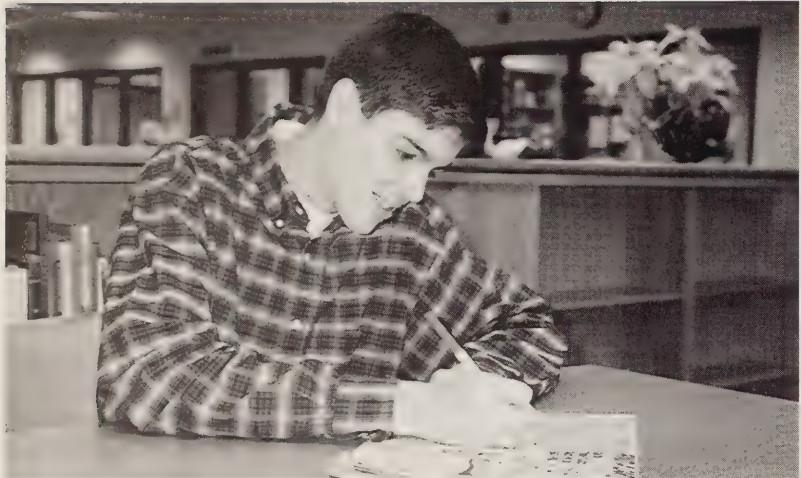


Vernon Williams
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Ashley Wood
Todd Wood
Melanie Woodfin

Allison Woodlee
Brian Woody
Colleen Woolridge
Adam Wright
Tim Wright
Matt Wyatt



Sarah Wyman
Alex Young
James Young
John Yu



David Blanchard searches endlessly through the classified ads after school in search of the perfect car, or at least a cheap one. "I could have my grandmother's old car, but I think I'd rather get a job at Ukrop's than drive her brown Oldsmobile from the eighties," said Blanchard. Emily May Photo

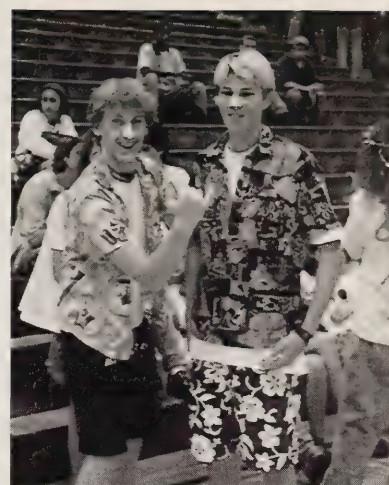
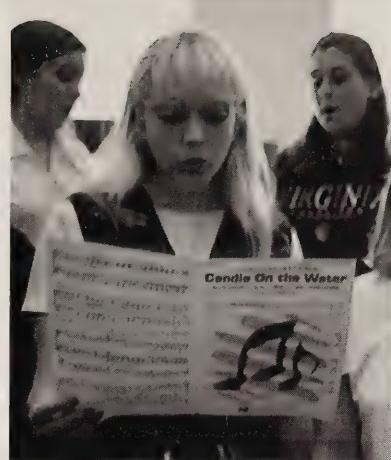
Hugging the car of her dreams, Emalee Rupert wishes that her dreams could become reality. "I took a nanny job just to get a car that goes forward. If I'm lucky it will go in reverse too," said Rupert. Getting a job was definitely a last resort, but tacky uniforms proved more inviting than the cheese. Emily May Photo

It was two months until license day and you had \$20 to your name. Previous visions of sugar plum car fairies were transformed into nightmares of insurance, gas money, car maintenance and bank statements. The concept of a car magically arriving at the age of sixteen faded into the darkness as the realization came through that it wasn't just a car, it was an obligation. For some though, the key to a car was patience. "I'm going to wait until my parents ditch theirs," said Becky Rhinehart. Not all parents were willing to give up their car though, and the word automobile in the classifieds became a far too familiar sight. In time, the pretty pictures that were drawn around favorite cars no longer got noticed and the word "car" brought a cringe to parents faces and a tremble to their bank account. Between \$1,500 in insurance a year and ten dollars a week for gas, a car was far from cheap. In the ongoing quest for a car; some students gave up and got a job. "My parents said that if I was mature enough to have a car then I was mature enough to pay for all the stuff that went along with it, so I got a job," said Jessie Snow. In the end, many chose to take the last resort and drive the junkyard's best friend instead of making a date with a \$15,000 debt.



THE LAST RESORTS

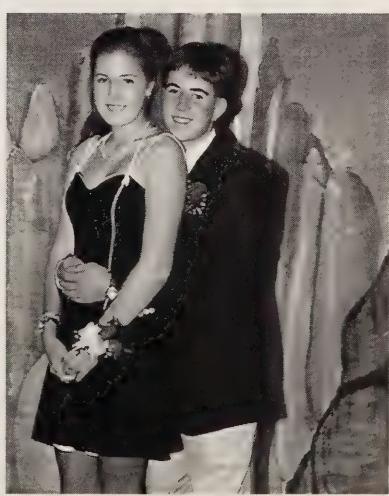
BY EMILY MAY



JUNIORS



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Osameh Abed
Amanda Ackman

Todd Allen
Betsy Amburn
Devon Amos
Cissy Anderson



Eddie Anderson
Richard Anderson
Justin Andes
Chris Antonellini
Adi Arad
Michelle Arizmandi



Oscar Artis
Alyssa Arute
Kelly Anthanasiou
Jasmen Bagley
James Bailey
Mike Bailey



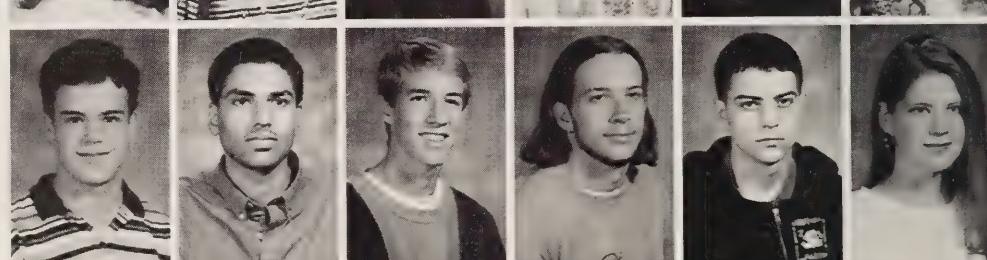
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Hope Baker
Katie Bannon
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Tracy Barton



Laura Baskerville
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Katie Bates
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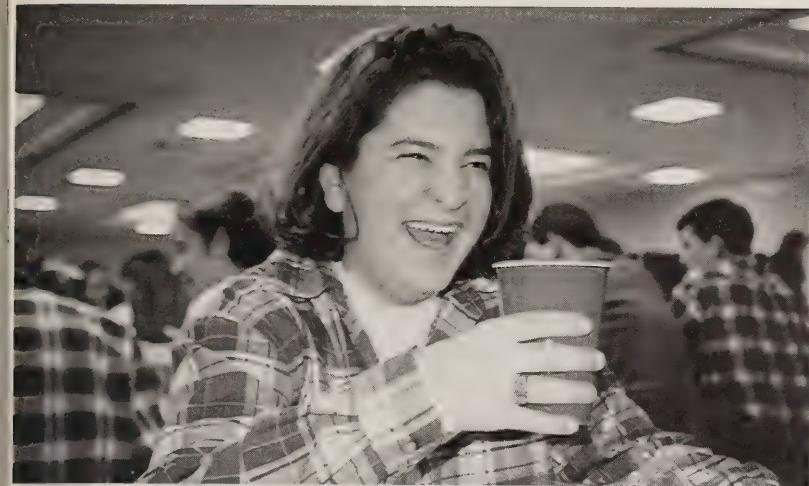


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Morgan Blackwood
Randall Blair
Joey Blankinship
Paul Blocher
Nicholas Bognar



Monie Bonaparte
Lisa Bradley
Brooke Brailey
George Brauburger
Matt Brenneman
Jeff Brooks





Ashley Shaw, complete with her class ring, laughs with friends at lunch. Class rings could be spotted on juniors sporting them daily around the school. Like other accessories, they could be personalized to reflect the individual's graduation year, sports team, hobbies, and even their names.

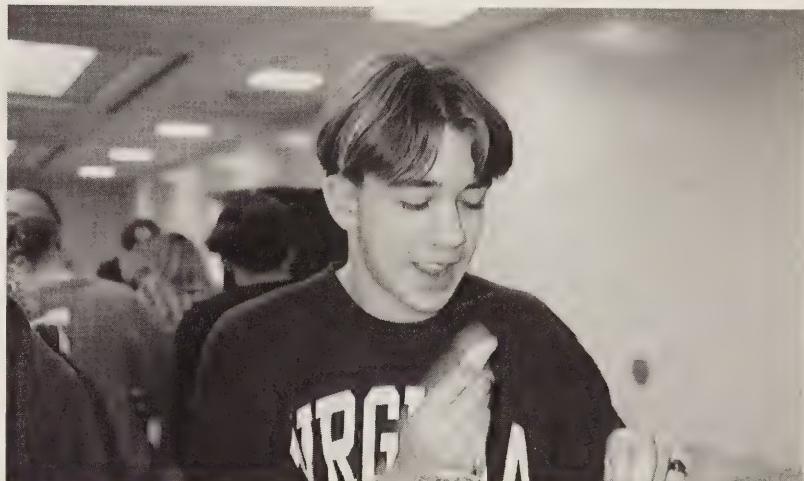
Kathy Hoof Photo

Sophomore Tim Colvin wears a ring a year early. His junior girlfriend Ryan Fagan gave him her ring to wear as a sign of commitment. Girls often wrap their boyfriend's rings with embroidery thread to make them fit, while many guys wore their girlfriend's rings on chains around their necks.

Kathy Hoof Photo

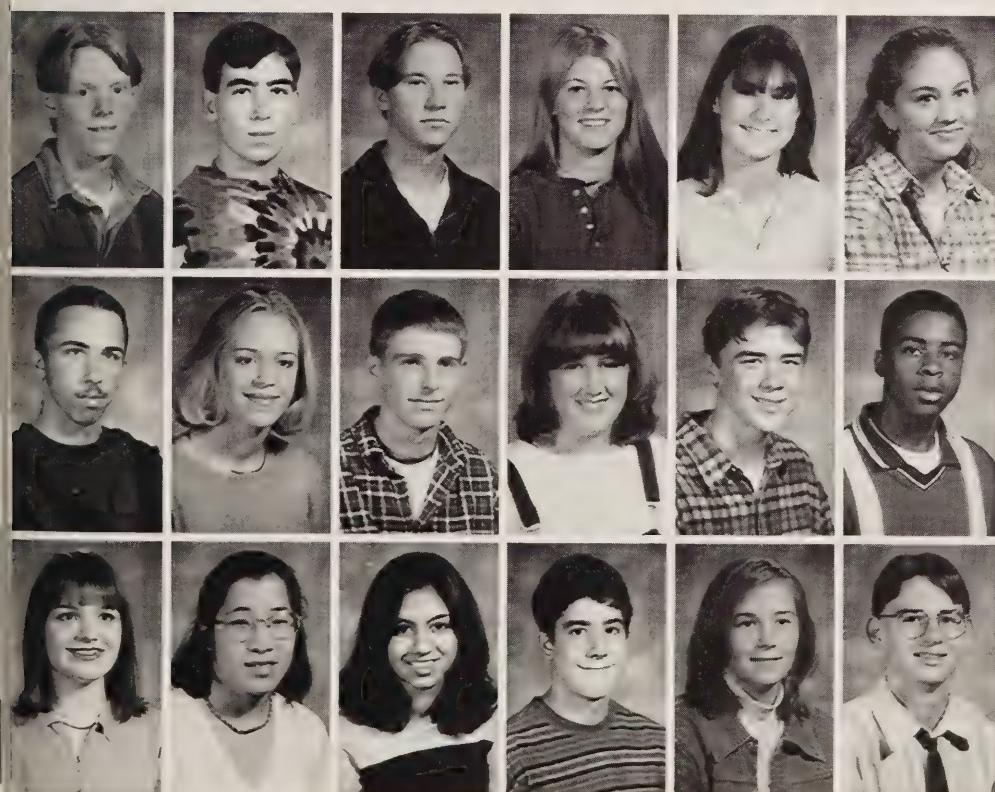
Each class has an event which is something of a rite of passage for that year. For freshmen, it is being in high school; for seniors, graduation; sophomores, behind the wheel; and juniors, class rings. In later years, the class ring may be a symbol of the four years of high school. When designed, they can be either in the standard form of the school, with the seal on one side and the river on the other side or personalized to reflect an individual's personality and interests. Sarah Kimmel said, "I got the Earth that says 'ours to save' because I want to save the world and the environment." But even having the chance to design and personalize their own rings, some juniors weren't pleased with the outcome. "It's ugly. I hate it," April Shelburne said.

The rings arrived from Jostens in late fall and were handed out at the ring ceremony held in the auditorium. Each student who purchased a ring could take part in a tradition unique to this school: "I liked the way we got to dip them in the river water- it makes it mean a lot more," said Ginnie Manley. Some juniors were protective of their new rings. "I only take it off to play soccer," said Kinsey Rowe. Others were more concerned with the fashionable aspects of the ring. Kim Ellis said, "I like my ring, but I only wear it when it matches."



FIVE GOLDEN RINGS

BY GRACIE WUDERT



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Chris Brumfield
Nikki Butterfield
Sarah Butts
Jennifer Caldwell

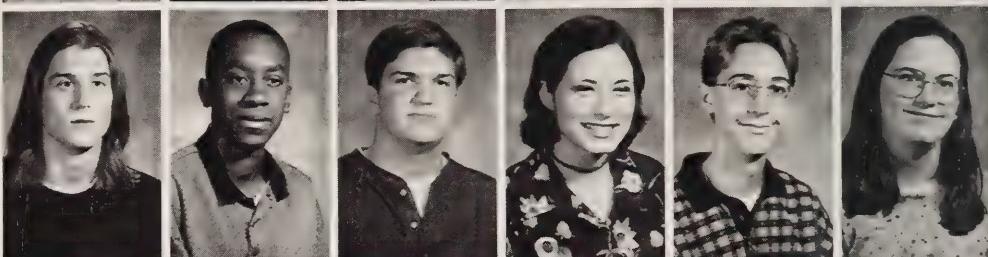
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Laura Combs
Brooke Corby
James Cox
Doug Craig
Lindsey Crawford
Jaslyn Crisci



Martin Crowder
Ronnie Cummings
Jimmy Daley
Almitra Corey
Michael Danylo
April Davies



Sarah Davies
Cary Davis
Katie Davis
Kelly Davis
Nick Davis
Sarah Davis



Heather Davison
Amye Dawson
Jocelyn Dawson
Marcia Day
Kyle Dexter
Laura Diegelmann



Richelle Dietz
Emily Dolan
Allison Dollings
Patrick Donovan
Thomas Dorsey
Adam Dowdy



Mytece Drayton
Vantece Drayton
Michelle Duck
Jason Dufner
Gina Durbin
Lauren Eadie



Anwar Edwards
Ben Elliott
Kimberley Ellis
Lindsay Ellis
Heather Enroughty
Autumn Estep



Christine Estes
Lakisha Evans
Andrew Everton
Kathleen Eyre
Ryan Fagan
Randy Farleigh





Aaron Graham and Tommy Speidel find that the doors are locked at Collin Quinn's car. Students often had to wait outside for their ride to come. "I hated waiting for Collin in the afternoons, but it was fun riding with her," said Spidel. Some students carpooled to school with their friends in order to save gas. Kelly Davis Photo

Standing by "Sasha," Patrick Felts and Bradley Marsh wait for AJ Lawrence so that they can get their clothes to go to football practice. "We had football practice that afternoon and we had to get our stuff out of his car," said Marsh. Many students left sports gear in the car so they didn't carry it all day. Kelly Davis Photo

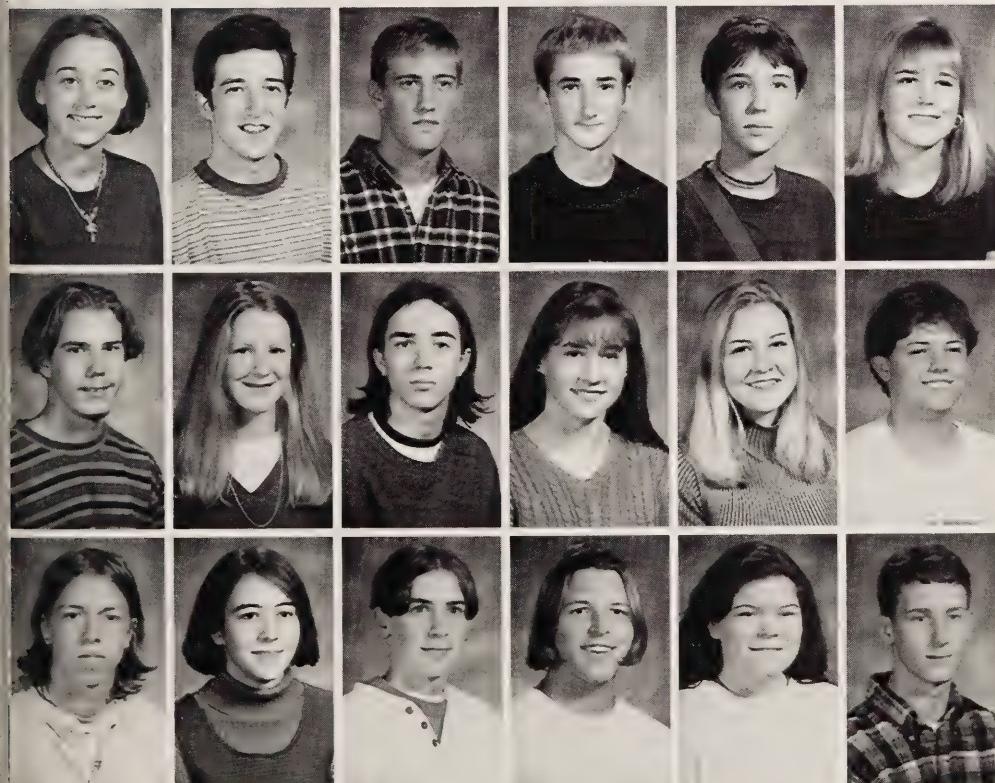
Though driving to school is a privilege, it is not always a pleasure. "I park in spot 897, which would be great if I was going to a football game, but no, I'm going to school!" said Sean Martin. Many juniors felt the same way about their parking spots. Having to walk a long way to school in the cold didn't make them too happy. Others, however, liked their parking spots. "I don't mind where I park. It's fairly close to the school, so I don't have to walk too far" said Gary McCormick. When the junior class had a raffle, many juniors jumped at the chance to get a better parking spot. To get their name in the raffle, juniors had to pay \$5 and put their name on a slip in the basket. "I didn't really want to waste \$5, but I'm glad I did. I went from space 550 to 317," said Mitch Jones.

Juniors were not the only people who made a long trek from the parking lot every morning. Because of the limited number of spaces in the senior parking lot, some unlucky seniors also had to brave the walk to the building. Juniors were also upset because some sophomores had better parking spots than they did. Carter Graham said, "I hated it when I saw a sophomore that had a better parking spot than I had. Other than that I didn't mind where I parked too much."



THE SPOT... OR NOT

BY KELLY DAVIS



Lacie Farmer
Andrew Federspiel
Patrick Felts
Joey Finch
Tammy Ford
Katie Foster

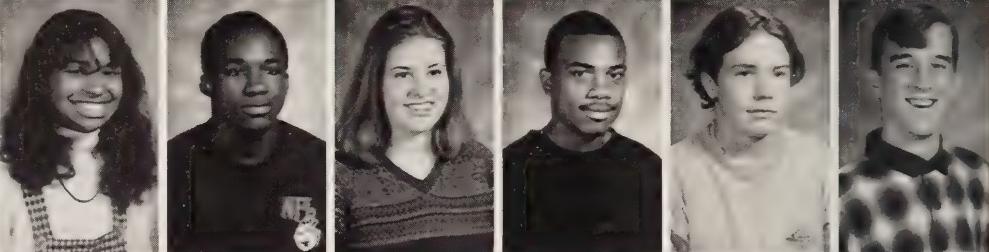
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Kris Glasco

Robin Glasco
Amy Goodman
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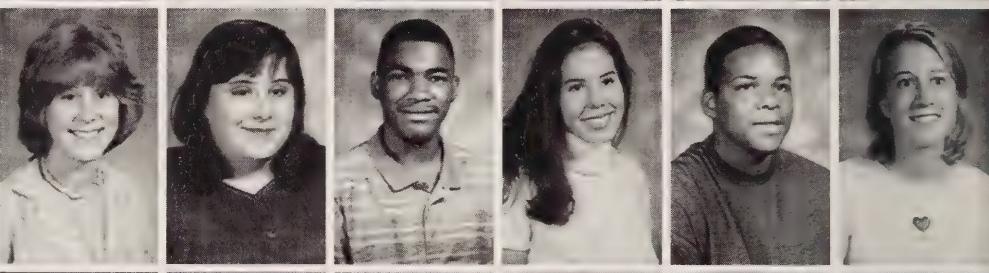
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Susan Heuser



Kelley Hinchman
Alica Hise
Jerome Holman
Holly Holmes
Maurice Hope
Kendra Horger



Matt Howells
Jennifer Huffman
Ben Hughes
Courtney Hughes
Kristen Hughes
Chris Jefferson



Adam Johnson
Allison Johnson
D.J. Johnson
Jason Jones
Mary Jones
Mitch Jones



James Joyner
Brad Justice
Eleanor Justice
Malik Kabani
Laura Keim
Laura Kelly





Bethany Witcher, Erica Van Voorhis, Meena Lenn and Karen Southers prepare to hit the slopes. Students such as these took weekend trips with their churches. Other students took trips with their families or friends. These excursions served different purposes for each student. Cara Wolfe
Photo

Jocelyn Dawson takes over the streets of New York. Dawson and her family also took a trip to Washington D.C. to see the presidential inauguration. "The downside to weekend trips is that you only have a few days to fit in everything you want to do," said Dawson. Collin Dawson
Photo

Another boring weekend at home? Not hardly. While juniors looked forward to the weekend as simply a break from school, they also had other things in mind. These things, ranging anywhere from a stay at the beach to a ski trip, allowed students to break loose from their normal routines.

After a weekend ski trip with her church, Karen Southers said, "My friend Bethany and I crashed head on into each other while we were tubing... there was a huge crowd of people and they all laughed at us. Then, as soon as I stood up, some guy knocked me off my feet... everyone laughed again."

Jim Swensen took a much different kind of trip on his weekends. "I go out of town to various colleges' baseball camps for exposure to college coaches," he said. These trips served a purpose for his future.

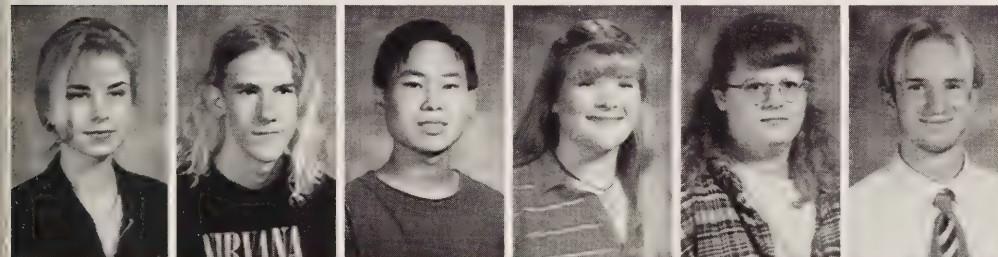
Jocelyn Dawson and her family took a trip to New York for a weekend. "Weekend trips are fun until Monday comes around again," she said.

Whether on the field or experiencing the slopes, juniors managed to find diverse trips to take on the weekend.



GOTTA GET AWAY

BY CARA WOLFE



Cindy Kerns
Chris Kesler
Intae Kim
Sarah Kimmel
Jackie Kiracofe
Josh Knott



George Kruse
Christy Kroustalis
Happy Anne Kuhn
Richard Lanning
A.J. Lawrence
Erin Lee



Nona Lee
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Mandi Ligatti

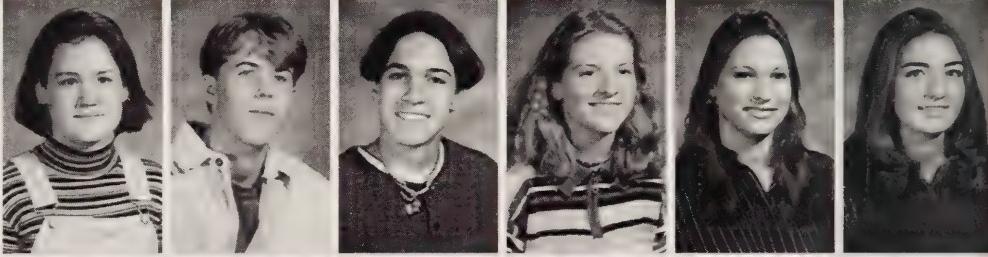
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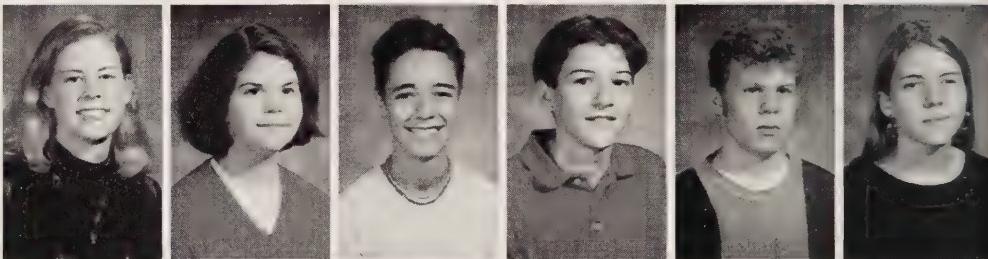
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Ashely Magee



Molly Mahoney
Brandon Maitland
Brent Maldonado
Ginnie Manley
Crystal Mann
Megan Mann



Elizabeth Marks
Courtney Marlowe
Sam Marques
Kevin Marsden
Brad Marsh
Anna-Maria Marshall



Brooke Martin
Sean Martin
Michael Mattis
Erin McAllister
Cary McCormick
B.J. McDole



Jamie McGarry
Ellie McGee
Sean McGinty
Jennifer Mead
Lindsay Messer
Justin Meyers



Daniel Miller
Matt Miller
Shana Miller
Stacy Miller
Devon Mills
Patrick Mitchell



Susan Monks
Beth Moon
Collin Moore
Yolanda Moore
Meghan Moran
Lindsay Mosby





Katie Beirne and Laura Kelly discuss some worries they have about an upcoming event. They both try not to worry too much, but everyone does. Beirne and Kelly make plans to attend a party over the weekend. They said, "We were worried the party would get busted, and it did." Monie Bonaparte Photo

Betsy Amburn studies hard in English class. She has tried all year to keep her grades up so that she can get into a good college. Amburn worries about getting into James Madison University. "I want to attend JMU because it is my first choice school, and I love the campus," she said. Monie Bonaparte Photo

WHAT DO YOU WORRY ABOUT MOST?

"I worry about getting the grades I need to get into a good college."

Jodi Pugh

"I worry about losing my job because our company is being bought out."

Monica Nelson

"I worry about the world ending in the year 2000."

Mitch Jones

"I worry if Casie will find out if I told or not."

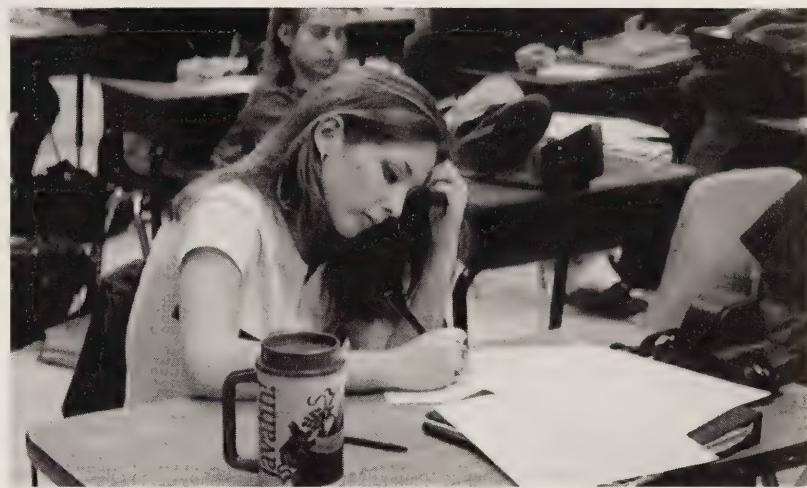
Sangina Wright

"I worry about getting my waiver passed to go here next year."

Jessica Locklear

"I worry about not getting a date to prom."

Katie Beirne

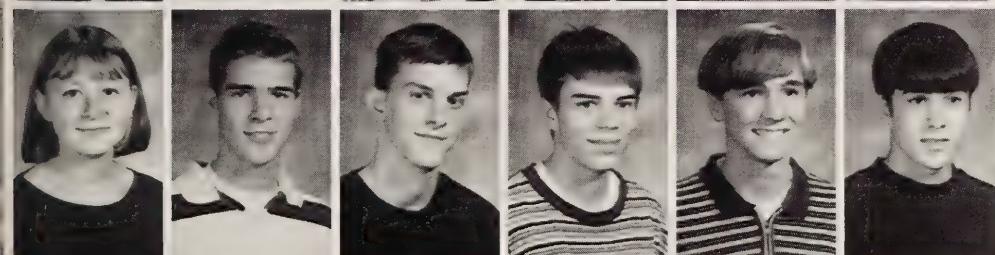


CONSTANT WORRIES

BY: MONIE BONAPARTE



Montgomery Myers
Wesley Myrtill
Monica Nelson
Joy Nester
Maggie Newland
Amy Newton



Cathy Niedermayer
David Norman
Barry Norris
Wes Olive
Bryan Otto
Vince Pacific



Kate Parnell
Chris Pearson
Laura Pelletier
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Ronald Phillips

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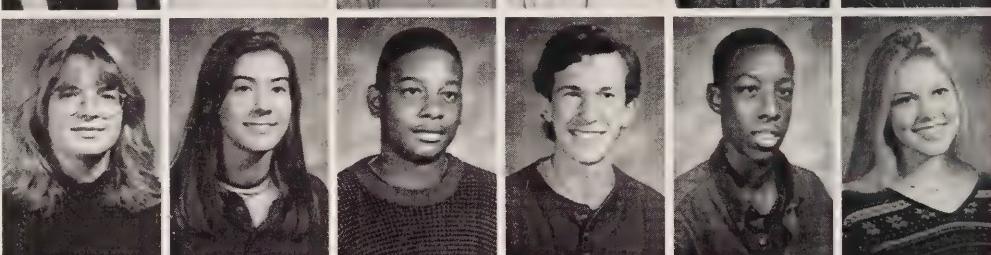
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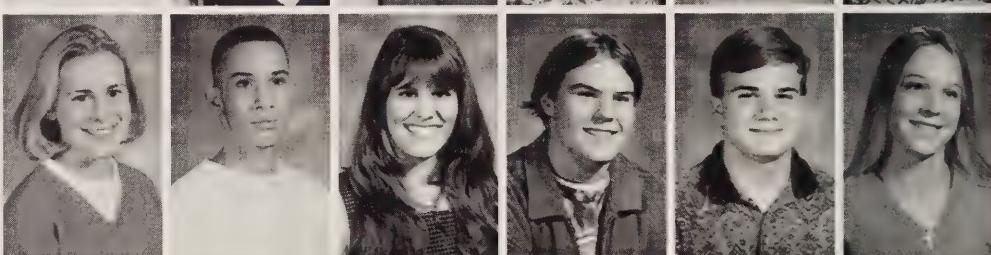
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Kinsey Rowe
Derik Rudd
Kelly Rust
Brian Schumann
Noah Scribner
Allison Seay



Emily Seay
Aaron Seelman
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Ashley Shaw
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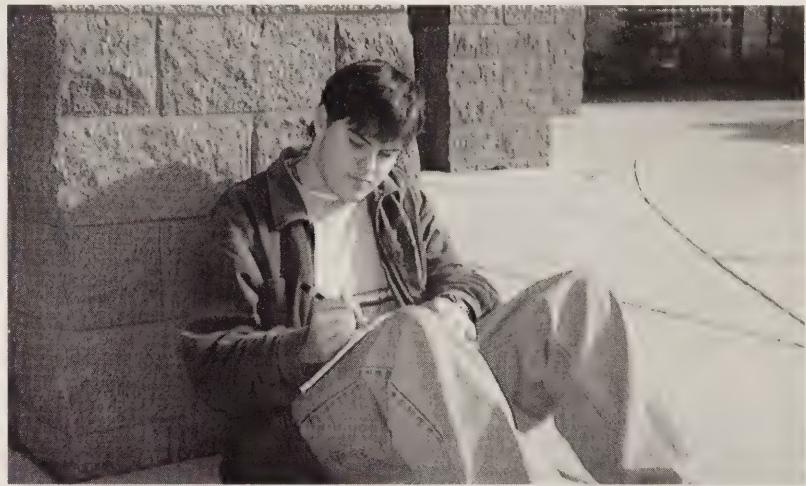
Ryan Wilbourne gets ready to study for Joe Ferrel's Applied Economics class. "I haven't opened this book once this year. It's pretty interesting. The class is also interesting and Ferrel is a good teacher," said Wilbourne. In this class students also learned about Street Law. Melissa Haake photo

Brian Schumann works in his vocabulary book for English class. "It's such a pain because it takes forever to look up the words, and then you have all of those exercises to do after that. The book's ranked up there with the FCA's," said Schumann. Many students felt this way about the vocabulary books. Kathy Hoof Photo

Always on the go? Does it seem like you never have a moment to yourself? Junior year is known as the "hardest year" to most students because it is the year when students are beginning to prepare for their higher education and later life. It is the year students must start making decisions and thinking about life after high school. PSATs, SATs, college considerations, military considerations, and vocational choices were some of the things on juniors' minds. Sarah Davies said, "This year is definitely my hardest because teachers are starting to prepare you for college. Also, there are more papers to write."

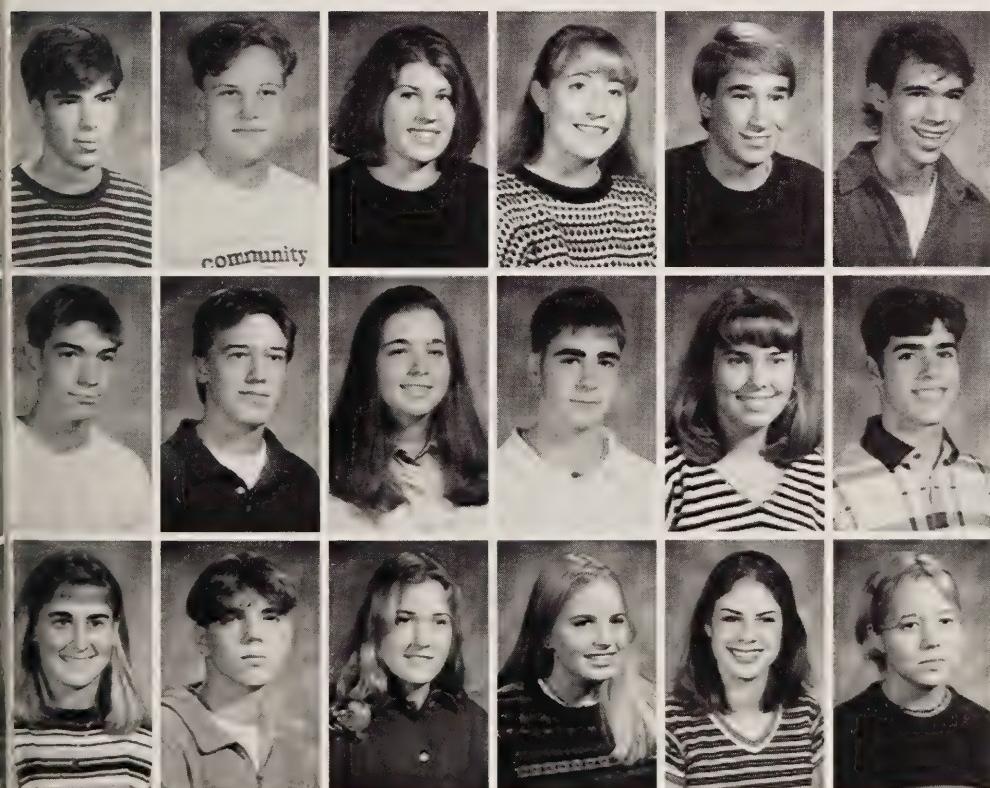
Overall, juniors did have more papers to write and more assignments to complete because of the seven period rotating block schedule. Instead of concentrating on four classes per semester, students juggled a schedule of seven classes.

Most juniors did hold part-time jobs to make some extra spending cash. Depending on how many hours they worked per week, time could very often be very limited as to what they were able to do with the little extra time that they had. "I work about twenty hours a week, so I try to balance my time between school work and my friends, family, and my girlfriend," said James Bailey.



STRESSED OUT

BY: MELISSA HAAKE



Lee Smoyer
R.J. Snyder
Karen Southers
Shelley Sowers
Tommy Speidel
Kevin Spence

Michael Stonebridge
Richard Straub
Melissa Stubbs
Robbie Sullivan
Molly Sunday
Jim Swenson

Jenny Sykes
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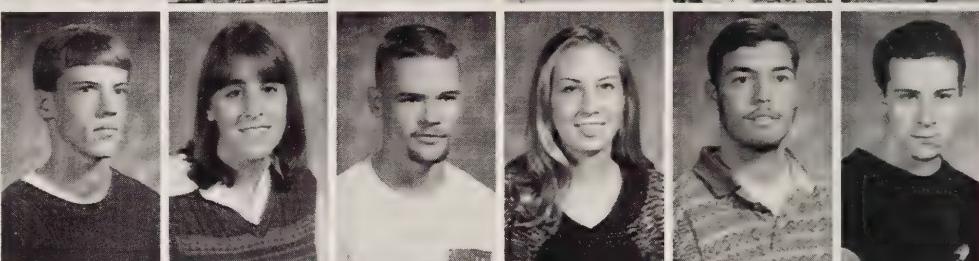
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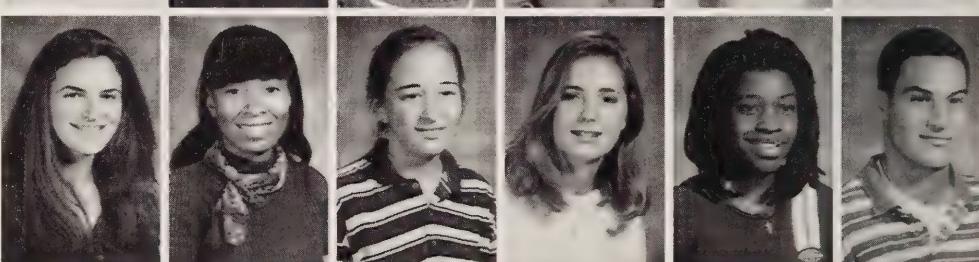
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Sarah Williams
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Cara Wolfe
Camille Wood
Emily Wooding
Barrett Wright
Sangina Wright
Joseph Ziadeh



Yvonne Zollner





SENIORS



CLASS OF 1997



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THE 50 BEST THINGS



Vonny Chiu, Katie Wagoner and Ivey Lian take a break from the festivities at the Senior Picnic. Seniors played games and ate food, as well as spent time socializing with friends. Seniors were allowed to leave school directly following the picnic. Kathy Hoof Photo



Matt Miffliton gets ready to receive flowers from last year's Homecoming Queen, Paige Kloeti. Miffliton was crowned Homecoming King with Queen Katie Tracy. Because it rained the night of the Homecoming game, the couple was not crowned until the following night. Lifetouch Photo



Melissa Koch cuts the cake at the reception following the spring NHS inductions. Senior members of the club were chosen to help out with the reception, as well as the assembly. Kathy Hoof Photo

1. Struggling with three schedules in only two schools
2. Going to the senior picnic and then going home
3. Floating down the James on the Annabel Lee....er...mean... leaving the dock ONCE the boat got fixed
4. Finally getting to skip on Senior Skip Day
5. Frolicking with underclassmenin one mean senior courtyard
6. Taking the handbook quiz....
7. And finally passing the handbook quiz
8. Going to Powder Puff....practice
9. Two words...exam exemptions
10. Watching the Homecoming game...from the car
11. Wearing white outfits on Senior Day
12. Going to Senior Night...and watching the slide show
13. Watching Mike Cannady rap at Senior Night
14. Participating in graduation rather than just watching
15. Listening to graduation speeches...or echoes
16. Watching Sean Young arrive at Baccalaureate
17. Cutting the cake at the NHS assembly
18. Wearing crowns at the pep rallies
19. Marching around the gym at the pep rally
20. Watching Rowen Ahab get his award at Senior Night
21. Being in the Ring Figure at Prom
22. Enjoying the oh so lovely AP classes
23. Watching Abby Mollen walk across the stage 23 times
24. And then watching Robert Jones walk across 18 more times
25. Taking care of baby chicks in AP Biology
26. Being a senior but having a Jr. lot parking space
27. Watching or participating in the wrecks in the Senior parking lot
28. Staying home for school for...no not snow...Hurricane Fran
29. Having everyone you know ask you what your plans are for next year...at least ten times in the same sitting

OUT BEING A SENIOR....

0. Getting senioritis...the first week of school
1. Getting to actually throw the toilet paper at the pep allies rather than having it thrown at you
2. Two words....graduation moola
3. Spending useless time addressing graduation announcements to your Aunt Lulu, whom you've never met...and will never meet
4. Getting to watch Mrs. Meader jump up and down in English class
5. Being 18 and legally eligible to vote but still only allowed to eat and drink in the commons
6. Finding your name on the Senior Class T-shirt
7. Running around the school because your AP English teacher needs for you to kindly wake up
8. Finally memorizing your Social Security Number from writing it on so many applications
9. Spending more time in guidance than in class for interviews and recommendations
0. Wearing the T-shirt of the college you've chosen
1. Sitting at graduation for two hours...but walking across the stage for less than thirty seconds
2. All night study sessions to get that 100 you desperately need to be exempt
3. Ordering your cap and gown...and then finally wearing it eight months later
4. Having May 30 be your last *official* day
5. Getting irons and sheets for your birthday
6. Knowing the exact number of steps to your mailbox...from having checked it so much for acceptance letters
7. Throwing your cap at the end of graduation
8. Obsessing over tardies and absences
9. Getting to ask every teacher you've ever known to write you a recommendation
0. Taking the last step out of that school...forever

Katie Tracy and Bill Tucker wait in the closed commons before the start of the pep rally. Seniors dressed as hippies for the first pep rally of the year. They also wore Burger King Crowns. Kathy Hoof Photo



SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

- Most Likely to Succeed: Abby Mollen and Ryan Furgurson
Most Musical: Julia Tyler and Jay Ligatti
Most Likely to Marry Rich: Sarah Anderson and Joey Centrone
Most Friendliest: Caroline Lucas and Adam Draucker
Most Mischievous: Brooke James, Brandon Qualls and Beck Herring
Best Smile: Beth Brocato, Mary Heath Johnson and Andy Chung
Cutest Couple: Valerie Merwick and Anil Shukla
Biggest Flirt: Erin Smith and Bill Tucker
Most Spirited: Jill McAuliffe and Matt Miffliton
Best Dressed: Cali Biggers and Jesse Baker
Most Likely to be Famous: Crystal Tucker and Nolan Doran
Most Athletic: Katie Tracy and Antoine Mayfield
Funniest: Nitoya Jefferson and Jona Cave
Most Irresistible: Heather Schulteis and Jeff Blakey
Most Artistic: Holly Lester and Anil Shukla
Best All Around: Katie Tracy and Ryan Furgurson



Tom Calder sits in Mrs. O'Kelly's office, while waiting for her to file and sort his college applications. Seniors were required to turn in applications at least two weeks prior to the application deadline. Kathy Hoof Photo

Robin Lynn Allanson
Jennifer Scott Allen
James Luke Anderson
Julie Shaffer Anderson



Patrick Colin Anderson
Sarah Lynn Anderson
James Christopher Andrews
Ronen Arad



Meghann O'Neil Atkinson
Catherine Marie Austin
Kelli Richelle Austin
Jesse Warren Baker



Sarah Elizabeth Beall
Amanda Virginia Beasley
Katharine Lorraine Beatty
Elizabeth Mee Yun Beckley



Brad Daniel Behnke
Elizabeth Faye Beigbeder
April Lauren Beilhart
Derek Sherwood Beitner



Robin Lynn Allanson: Spanish Club 9; JV Cheerleading 10; SCA 10-11; FBLA 10, 12; Interact 10-12; Varsity Cheerleading 11-12 **Julie Shaffer Anderson:** Indoor Track 10; Spanish Club 10; SCA 10-12; Latin Club 12 **Sara Lynn Anderson:** Latin Club 9-11; YADAPP 10; Interact 10-12; Varsity Cheerleading 10-12; Yearbook 10-12; National Honor Society 11-12; Class Historian 11-12 **James Christopher Andrews:** Latin Club 9-12; Interact 10; Debate Team 10; Latin Honor Society 10-12; Battle of the Brains 10-12 **Ronen Arad:** Junior Honor Society 9-10; Spanish Club 9-12; JV Baseball 10; Spanish Honor Society 10-12; Varsity Baseball 11-12; National Honor Society 11-12 **Catherine Marie Austin:** Debate Team 9; German Club 9-12, Vice President 10-11, President 12; One Act Plays 10; DECA 10; Volleyball 10; Intellectual Forum 10-12, Founder and President 10-12; National Honor Society 11-12; SCA 12 **Kelli Richelle Austin:** Indoor Track 9-10; Volleyball 9-10 **Sarah Elizabeth Beall:** Junior Honor Society 9-10

Always too young, just not quite the right age yet? Now you can drive, but there's just so much more. When turning eighteen finally comes around, a lot of changes come with it. The invitation to move out may arise, especially since eighteen means legal adulthood. Large responsibilities begin after this turning point in someone's life.

Purchasing lottery tickets, filling out voter registrations and getting into clubs are things people talk about doing during this turnover. "I can go to more clubs and stay out as long as I want because I don't have a curfew," said Heidi Mayes. Until the age of eighteen, the curfew in Virginia is 11:00 PM.

Although at eighteen the opportunity to vote arises, many choose not to. "I did not vote because I didn't register in time," said Chante Harrison. She also takes advantage of not having a curfew by hanging out until the wee hours of the morning. Graduation is another serious issue that usually takes place during this period of life. Turning eighteen may be an anticipation right now, but after all of the responsibilities kick in some think being sixteen isn't so bad after all. "A lot has changed since I started driving; eighteen is a big step up," said Summer Smith.



FINALLY AN ADULT

BY: MONIE BONAPARTE



Duane Lane enters his lucky numbers onto a lottery ticket. One of the many privileges of turning eighteen was the chance to buy a lottery ticket in hopes of becoming a millionaire. Monie Bonaparte Photo

Summer Smith is hard at work, trying to keep money in her pockets to pay bills, as well as still have some left over for extra things. Since she is eighteen, she has more freedom but that also requires more money. Monie Bonaparte Photo



Amanda Virginia Beasley: French Club 9-12; JV Soccer 10; Indoor Track 10; Yearbook 10; National Honor Society 11-12 **Katharine Lorraine Beatty:** Outdoor Track 9; Spanish Club 10; One Act Plays 10-12; Avant Garde 10-12; Theater Light Crew 10-12; Literary Magazine 12 **April Lauren Beilhart:** Key Club 9-12, Historian 11; French Club 10-12; SCA 10-12, Senator 10, Representative 12; Newspaper 11; National Honor Society 12; Art Photo Guild 12; National Art Honor Society 12 **Derek Sherwood Beitner:** French Club 9; SCA 9-12, Senator; Varsity Soccer 10-12, Captain; Key Club 10-12; National Honor Society 11-12; Art Photo Guild 12 **John Thomas Benton:** JV Football 9-10; Varsity Football 11-12; Spanish Club 11-12; Current Edition 12 **Christopher Tuck Bernhardt:** Concert Band 9-11; Stageband 10; Symphonic Band 10-11; Anything Goes Band

John Thomas Benton, Jr.
Christopher Tuck Bernhardt

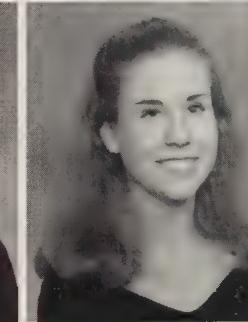
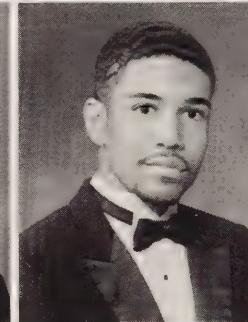
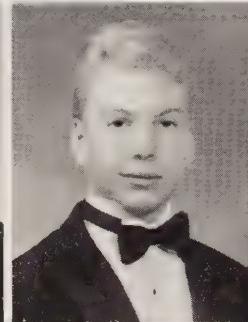
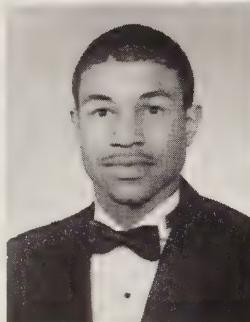
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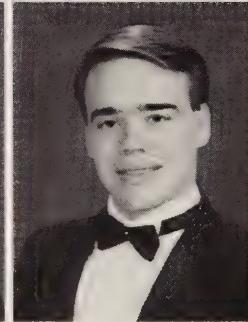
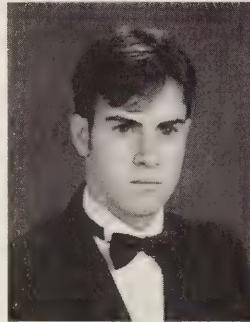
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James Jonathan Buckley
Erica Patrice Burroughs
Kathleen Anne Burroughs



11; Wind Ensemble 12 Ali Asghar Beyad: Latin Club 9-12; Latin Honor Society 10-12; National Honor Society 11
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Concert Band 9; Latin Club 9-10; Current Edition 10 Mosi Bragg: Indoor Track 9; Outdoor Track 9; Battle of the
Brains 9,12; Spanish Club 10-12; Minority Expressions 11-12, Second Vice President 11; YADAPP 12; Team Manager
12 Elizabeth Anne Brocato: JV Soccer 9; Chorus 9; Cross Country 9-10; Indoor Track 9-10; Key Club 9-10
Anything Goes 10-11, Captain 11; Rapid Motion Dance Team 11-12; Current Edition 12 Sarah Marzee Bruington:
French Club 9; YADAPP 9; Battle of the Brains 9; SCA 11; Spanish Club 11 Leslie Nicole Brown: Latin Club 9-12
Key Club 10-11; Latin Honor Society 10-12; Art Photo Guild 10-12; National Honor Society 11-12; National Art
Honor Society 11-12, Publicity Vice President 12; Chairman of Arts for PTS 11-12 John McLean Bryce: - Concert
Band 9; Latin Club 9-10; Current Edition 10; YADAPP 12; Team Manager 12

WHAT'S YOUR BEST MEMORY OF HIGH SCHOOL?

"Scoring my first goal in field hockey would have to be my best memory."

Holly Lester

"My best memory is going to freestyle bike camp and riding with all in the pros." Chris Doutt

"Senior year pep rallies!" Charlotte Dean and Pilar Pina

"Going to Cancun with Margo." Prissy Gonzalez

"My best memory was the first time I saw Heather." Mike Holderfield

"Going to Austria with my friends." Patrick Anderson

"When I made the winning shot in a basketball game. It was the best feeling in the world." Duane Lane

TRIPPING DOWN MEMORY LANE

BY: ALMITRA COREY



Mike Holderfield and Heather Schulteis share a little hug after school. Holderfield says even after going out for a year, it's just like looking at Shultheis for the very first time every day. Almitra Corey Photo

Senior year pep rallies were some favorite high school memories for Meghann Atkinson. Atkinson let it all hang out at the spirit week pep rally, where she was decked out in 60's gear. Almitra Corey Photo



Band 11; Symphonic Band 12 **James Jonathan Buckley:** JV Wrestling 9; Current Edition 10; Science Club 11-12; Orchestra 11-12; National Honor Society 11-12 **Erica Patrice Burroughs:** Minority Expressions 9, 11-12, Secretary 12; FBLA 10-12; Team Manager 10-12; Latin Club 12; YADAPP 12 **Kathleen Anne Burroughs:** Chorus 9, Interact 9-12; Class Vice President 9-12; Spanish Club 10, Historian 10; FBLA 10-12, DECA 12, Secretary 12 **Meredith Anne Burton:** Spanish Club 9-10; Symphonic Band 9-11; All County Band 9-12; Jazz Band 10; All District Band 10-12; Virginia Girls State 11; Latin Club 11-12; YADAPP 11-12 **Jeffrey William Bush:** Debate Team 9; Junior Honor Society 9; Key Club 9-10; Latin Club 9-12; Art Photo Guild 10,12 **Simone Nicole Cade:** Spanish Club 9-10; Outdoor Track 9-10,12; Indoor Track 10,12; FBLA 10-12; Anything Goes 11; Latin Club 11-12; YADAPP 11-12 **Thomas Alexander Calder:** Orchestra 9-12; Virginia Boys State 11; French Club 11-12, Historian 12; National Honor Soci-

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Thomas Alexander Calder



Michael Stuart Cannady
Evie Marvell Carchman
Mary Katherine Pesch Carlton
Ryan Cameron Carroll



Lauren Elizabeth Carter
Christine Wheeler Case
Debra Lynn Cates
Jonathan Southall Cave



Joseph Dominic Centrone
Alison Marie Cheesman
Debby Kay Chilcoat
Chia Ming Chiu



Vonny On-Wai Chiu
Andy Hoon Chung
Erin Whitney Clark
Jeffrey Garrett Cline



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WHAT DO YOU WANT TO MAJOR IN?

"Mechanical engineering because my dad does the same thing, and it's right up my alley." Jon Mazur

"Computer science because that's where the money's at." Jeff Hester

"Right now I want a general major in commerce, and I may specialize in accounting or finance." David Guion

"Psychology because eventually I want to become some sort of criminal analyst." Katie Wagoner

"I'm interested in environmental science, and possibly I want to do something with the Chesapeake Bay." Lisa Fretwell

"International business because I like to travel around the world, and I would like to talk to foreign people." Young Sook Kim

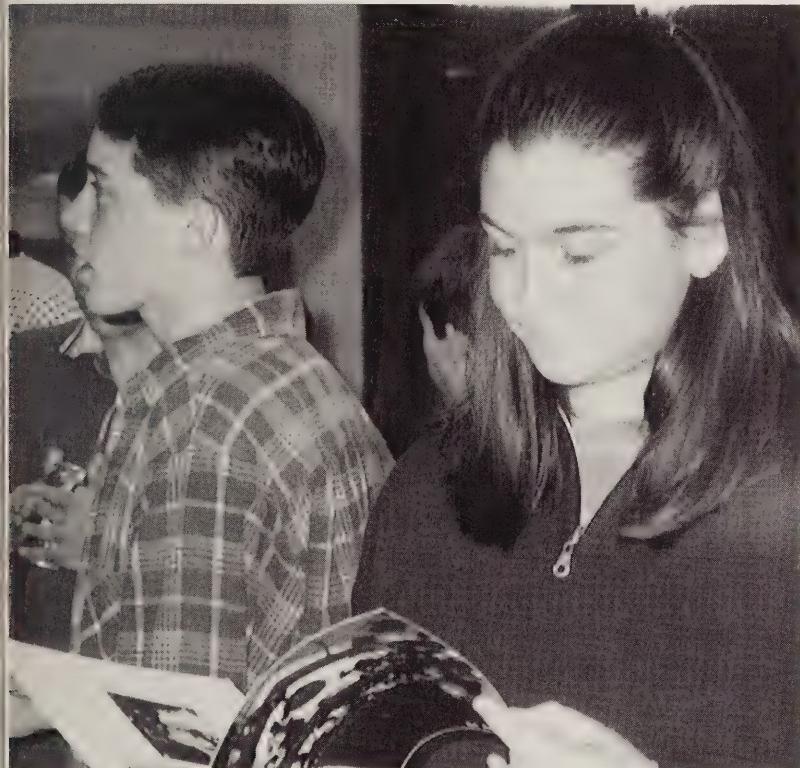
A MAJOR DECISION

BY: SABEEN REZA



Randy Hand prepares to cut open a shark in his vertebrate anatomy and physiology class. "I plan on being a physical therapist, so this class is good practice on learning the muscles and functions of the body," said Hand. Sabeen Reza Photo

Sarah Pinney thinks over her future plans while reading through the materials at College Chat Day. This time provided students with the opportunity to talk to current college freshmen in order to get input. Sabeen Reza Photo



12; YADAPP 12 Summer Cristin Cole: JV Cheerleader 9; Latin Club 9-12; Varsity Cheerleader 10; FBLA 11 Nedria Shendrell Connor: Varsity Basketball 9-11; Symphonic Band 9-11 Bradley James Cooper: Art Photo Guild 10 Almitra Louise Corey: SCA 9-10, Senator 9; One Act Plays 9,12; Drama Club 9-12; Yearbook 10-12; Art Photo Guild 11-12 James Coward: Varsity Football 12 Minh-Tam Kieu Dam: Chorus 10-11; Team Manager 10; SCA 11; YADAPP 11; Spanish 11-12 Mary Elizabeth Davis: DECA 12 Charlotte Walker Dean: SCA 12, Representative 12; Senator 12; Newspaper 10-12 Laura Nicolle Dize: FBLA 12 Jeffrey Scott Driscoll: French Club 9-12, Treasurer 12; JV Baseball 10; French Honor Society 11-12; National Honor Society 11-12 Floyd Nolan Doran: One Act Plays 9-10; Chamber Ensemble 9-10,12; All District Chorus 9-12; All State Chorus 11; Current Edition 11-12; Newspaper 12 Elizabeth Christine Dorsey: Spanish Club 9-11; Interact 9-12, Treasurer 12; JV Field Hockey

Kristen Laurel Cole
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Montese Elaine Crawley



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Christina Simone Crump
Erin Elodie Daley
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Mary Elizabeth Davis
Charlotte Walker Dean
Shannon Maurice Delaney
Sarah Katherine Dielgelmann



Laura Nicolle Dize
Nathan Samuel Dolan
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Elizabeth Christine Dorsey



10; FBLA 10; YADAPP 10; Varsity Field Hockey 11-12 **Adam Nathan Draucker:** JV Soccer 9-10; FBLA 10; Varsity Soccer 11-12; Cross Country 12; Indoor Track 12; Art Photo Guild 12 **Suzanne Kristine Eggerding:** German Club 10; Art Photo Guild 10-12; SCA 12; YADAPP 12; One Act Plays 12; National Art Honors Society 12; Senior Class Council **Spencer Preston Evans:** JV Football 9; Raquetball 10 **Mona Lea Ewees:** French Club 9,12; One Act Plays 10; Forensics Team 12 **Evan Reid Farmer:** JV Soccer 9; Latin Club 9-11; JV Basketball 10; Varsity Soccer 11-12; Interact 12 **Catherine Lynn Fielding:** Chorus 9; Chamber Ensemble 10; Anything Goes 11-12 **Erin Suzanne Fields:** Interact 9; Junior Honor Society 9-10; Latin Club 10-12; Team Manager 10-12; Newspaper 10-12; National Honor Society 11-12 **Elizabeth Ann Fretwell:** JV Basketball 9-10; JV Soccer 9-10; Spanish Club 10-12; Varsity Soccer 11; Art Photo Guild 11; Key Club 11-12, Secretary 12; National Honor Society 11-12 **Christopher Fitzgerald**

HOW HAVE YOU CHANGED SINCE FRESHMAN YEAR?

"I think I'm still the same, except maybe I study better." Patrick Heretick

"I grew bigger and became smarter." Thomas Benton

"I matured." Vanessa Garbini

"My hair is longer, and I lost sixty-nine brain cells." Amanda Grant

"I don't have enough time to watch General Hospital anymore." Angela Goodpasture

"I cut my hair, and I learned how to skip!" Bradley Butler

"I learned how to interact with people who I really don't like." Jeff Yohman

GETTING OLDER, CAUSES CHANGE

BY: HOPE BAKER



Heather Schultheis and Amanda Grant show how happy they are on their last day of school in ninth grade at Midlothian High School. They have been best friends for many years and plan to continue their friendship. Amanda Grant Photo

Heather Schultheis and Amanda Grant are still best friends after all these years, but they look very different. Seniors have changed both physically and mentally in the past four years. Hope Baker Photo



Fraker: Junior Honor Society 9-10; Latin Club 9-12; Wind Ensemble 9-12; Anything Goes Band 10-11; Current Edition Band 10,12; Outdoor Track 11; Varsity Wrestling 11-12; National Honor Society 11-12 Natalie Maude

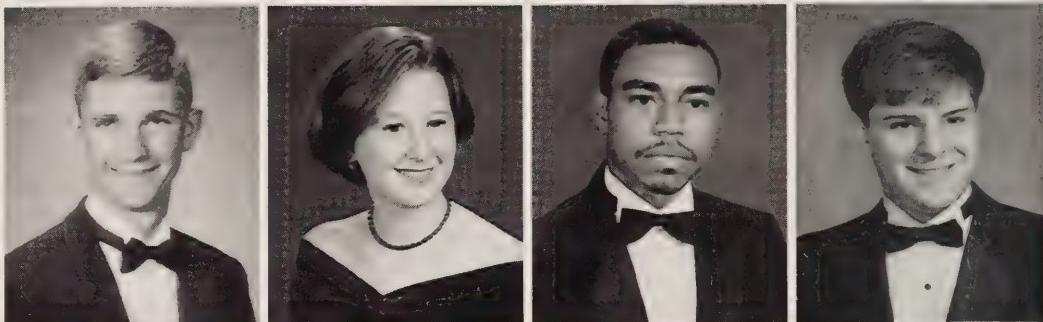
Franklin: FBLA 10; Yearbook 10 Paul Nathaniel Frydrychowski: Latin Club 9-12; One Act Plays 10-12; Latin Club Council 10-12; Theater Light Crew 10-12; Avant Garde 11-12, President 12 John Lee Froman: Indoor Track 9; Spanish Club 9; Golf Team 10; Interact 12 Ryan Fitzgerald Furgurson: Varsity Soccer 9-12; Latin Club 10-12; Key Club 10-12, President 12; Latin Honor Society 10-12; Current Edition 10-12; National Honor Society 11-12

Umar Jae'Mell Gafford: Indoor Track 9; Outdoor Track 9; Debate Team 9; Forensics Team 9; Yearbook 9; One Act Plays 9; Latin Club 9-12 Vanessa Elizabeth Garbini: Interact 9; Science Club 9; Forensics Team 9; Art Photo Guild 10-12 Stephanie Lynne Gilliam: Bible Club 9; French Club 10; FBLA 10-12; History Club 11-12, Treasurer

Christopher Andrew Doutt
Adam Nathan Draucker
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Suzanne Kristine Eggerding
Desmond Tamir Evans
Spencer Preston Evans



Mona Lea Ewees
Evan Reid Farmer
Michael Aman Farmer
Catherine Lynn Fielding



Erin Suzanne Fields
Christopher Fitzgerald Fraker
Natalie Maude Franklin
Elizabeth Ann Fretwell



John Lee Froman
Paul Nathaniel Frydrychowski
Ryan Fitzgerald Furgurson
Omar Jae' Mell Gafford



11-12 Joshua David Goad: JV Wrestling 9; Latin Club 9-12; Varsity Wrestling 10-12, Captain; Tennis Team 10-12, Captain; Golf Team 11 **Deborah Ann Gonzalez Del Solar:** Latin Club 10-12; SCA 10-12; Spanish Club 10-12; Bible 10-12; Spanish Honor Society 10-12; Latin Society 11-12; National Honor Society 11-12, Vice President 12 **Angela Natasha Goodpasture:** Chorus 9; Anything Goes 10-11; Varsity Field Hockey 10-11; National Honor Society 11-12 **Priscilla Lynn Gonzalez:** Indoor Track 9-10, Captain 10; Outdoor Track 9,11-12; JV Soccer 10; Cross Country 10-12, Captain 12; Spanish Club 11-12; History Club 11-12; Art Photo Guild 11-12; Spanish Honor Society 11-12 **Amanda Tracy Grant:** Latin Club 9; Chorus 9; Anything Goes 10-11; Current Edition 12; Chamber Ensemble 12 **Mary Elizabeth Guedri:** JV Field Hockey 9; Latin Club 9-11; Class Treasurer 9-12; Current Edition 10,12; Varsity Field Hockey 10-12; Interact 10-12 **David Benjamin Guion:** JV Wrestling 9; French Club 9, 11-12;

WHAT IS YOUR WORST COLLEGE FEAR?

"I'm afraid of the big, bully seniors." Greg Steinburg

"I'm afraid that I'll get a really unhygienic room mate." Laura Newton

"I'm scared someone will spike the punch!" Conrad Crayton

"I'm scared people won't recognize me over breaks because I'll be so fat!" Lindsay Prorock

"My college fear is that my room mate will listen to country music." Catherine Austin

"I'm afraid that I'll sleep through all my classes because it will be the first time in my life that I won't need a note from my parents." Amanda Grant

"I'm spoiled, and have it way to easy, so I don't want to leave my cozy home." Patrick Heretick

FIRST YEARS FACE THEIR FEARS

BY: CAREY WILKINSON



Byron Wakely pleads with Janet O'Kelly to let him go to college. O'Kelly served as the link between seniors and their chosen colleges by getting their applications organized and mailed. Carey Wilkinson Photo

Taylor Johnson seeks the advice of Becky Copenhaver. Copenhaver served as the college counselor for the senior class. She spent many hours listening to seniors' college fears. Carey Wilkinson Photo



FBLA 10-12; Bible Club 11-12; National Honor Society 11-12, Treasurer 12; French Honor Society 11-12 **Kenneth**

Casey Hagen: JV Baseball 9; Varsity Baseball 10-12 **Danielle Lee Hall:** Chorus 9; Anything Goes 10-12 **Matthew**

Corey Hall: Art Photo Guild 11; Outdoor Track 11-12; Indoor Track 12 **Randal Alan Hand:** JV Football 9; JV

Wrestling 9; German Club 9; Varsity Football 10-12, Captain 10 **William Stephen Hanzel:** Latin Club 9-12, Vice

President 11, President 12; Key Club 10-12, Internal Vice President 12; Varsity Soccer 10-12; Newspaper 10-12;

National Honor Society 11-12 **Christen Elizabeth Harmeling:** Concert Band 9; Symphonic Band 10-11; History

Club 10-12, Secretary; James River Regiment 11-12; Forensics Team 12; Wind Ensemble 12 **Kymberli Vachelle**

Harris: Team Manager 9; German Club 9; Symphonic Band 9,12; Indoor Track 12; Outdoor Track 12; FBLA 12

Virginia Anne Harris: JV Softball 9; Latin Club 9-11; Varsity Softball 10 **Daniel Patrick Harrison:** One Act Plays



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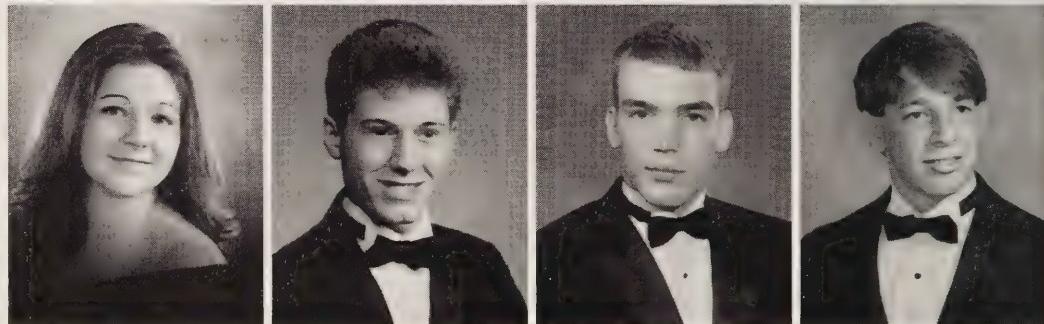
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Skip day, closer parking lot, exemptions, and the best year ever are all part of the privileges that come with being a Senior. John McGarry said, "I've waited four years for this." Well, who hasn't?

Senior class sponsor Terri Geudri said, "Seniors definitely deserve senior privileges, there should be some privileges that come with 'seniority'." Because of the advantage of exam exemptions, seniors worked extra hard to keep the grade. Exemptions were the big focus on every ones mind. Carey Wilkinson and Beck Herring went to Massanutten Ski Resort for the week and hoped to find a break from the pressures of school. Others took the time to catch up on sleep.

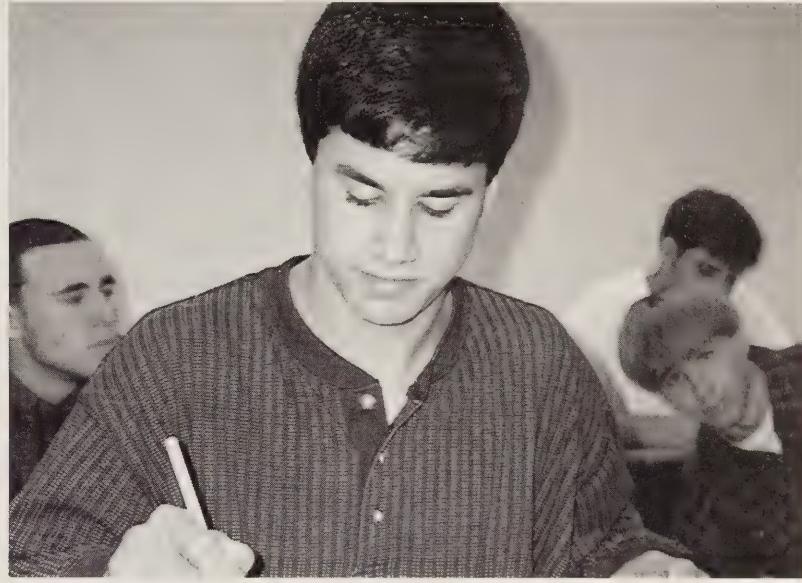
Other advantages that came with being a senior were getting out of class two minutes early to go to lunch and leaving your last class of the day to beat the parking lot rush. Towards the end of second semester, seniors were allowed one day of complete freedom with skip day. Other privileges included the senior picnic, eating lunch in the courtyard and Senior Night, where seniors were acknowledged with various types of awards.

It has been said that your senior year will never be forgotten. Lake Stockdreher said, "I feel like I'm on top of the world." Could it be true?



THEIR CLAIM TO FAME

BY: BARRETT WRIGHT



John McGarry works in class in order to keep the grade. Many other seniors studied extra hard so that they could enjoy the privilege of not taking exams at the end of the semester. Barrett Wright Photo

Erin Clark and Laura Dize enjoy the noon day sun in the courtyard during lunch. Along with eating in the closed commons, seniors were allowed to eat in the courtyard. This was a restricted area for seniors only. Barrett Wright Photo



President 12; Varsity Soccer 10-12, Captain 10; Latin Honor Society 10-12; National Honor Society 11-12; Battle of the Brains 12 **Eldar Husanovic:** Foreign exchange Student from Bosnia and Herzegovina **Nitoya LaChelle Jefferson:** Current Edition 10-12; Dance Team 11; Minority Expressions 11-12; Jazzy Ladies 12 **Danette Jimenez:** Outdoor Track 9; Spanish Club 9; Literary Forum 10-11; Yearbook 11; Minority Expressions 12; Art Photo Guild 12 **Andrew Stuart Johnson:** Varsity Soccer 10-12 **Mary Heath Johnson:** One Act Plays 9; JV Field Hockey 10; JV Softball 10; Interact 10-12, President 12; Art Photo Guild 10-12; Girl's State 11; Varsity Field Hockey 11; Newspaper 12 **Travis Newton Jones:** Indoor Track 9-10; Cross Country 9-12, Captain 12; Tennis 9-12, Captain 10-12; Class President 10-12; Outdoor Track 10; Key Club 10-12 **Andrew Ogden Jordan:** Math Club 9; Junior Honor Society 9-10; Latin Club 9-12; Chamber Ensemble 9-12; Orchestra 9-12, Orchestra For Musicals 9-10; Varsity Soccer 10; Volley-

Christen Elizabeth Harmeling
Kenneth Wayne Harris
Kimberly Vachelle Harris
Virginia Anne Harris



Daniel Patrick Harrison
Sarkisian Monique Harvey
Gregory Eugene Hatchett
Priscilla Marie Hathaway



Antasia Hatzigiannidis
Jamie Nicole Hendrix
Becton Davis Herring
Jeffery Jameson Hester



Nathanael Hutchins Hill
Michael John Holderfield
Jason Michael Holland
Catherine Harris Holswade



Ayren Liegh Holter
David Michael Honaker
Joshua Nathaniel Honeycutt
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It can be convenient to have a driver's license and a car, but if you have friends who don't drive it can become a hassle. When most people first get their licenses, all they want to do is drive. But after a couple of years the urge to be behind the wheel deteriorates and that is where seniors are now. "Driving can be a pain, especially if I don't have any gas or money," said Jeremy Smith. Since gas prices have risen, money for gas can be hard to come by. Many seniors must work one if not two jobs to pay for the expense of having a car. Not only must you pay for gas, you may also have to pay for insurance and car payments. With working piled on top of studying and applying for college, seniors stress levels have risen. Other seniors cannot worry about the responsibilities of having a car, and they depend on others. "I don't ever have to worry about finding a ride or paying for gas because I have a personal chauffeur," said Lauren King. Not all seniors could have been this lucky and must deal with the payments, jobs and stress.

Being a high school driver may have its perks and you may enjoy it at first but having to cart people around every Friday and Saturday night makes seniors wish cars were never invented.

CAN I HAVE A RIDE PLEASE?

BY: MELISSA PUGH



Matt Willis tries to accomplish the task of eating and driving. Seniors who were forced to drive other students around had to learn to eat, drink and drive- all at the same time. Melissa Pugh Photo

Beth Guedri prepares to take off for a relaxing night out with friends. Unfortunately, she was elected to drive, which meant not only a carful of people but loads of responsibility as well. Melissa Pugh Photo



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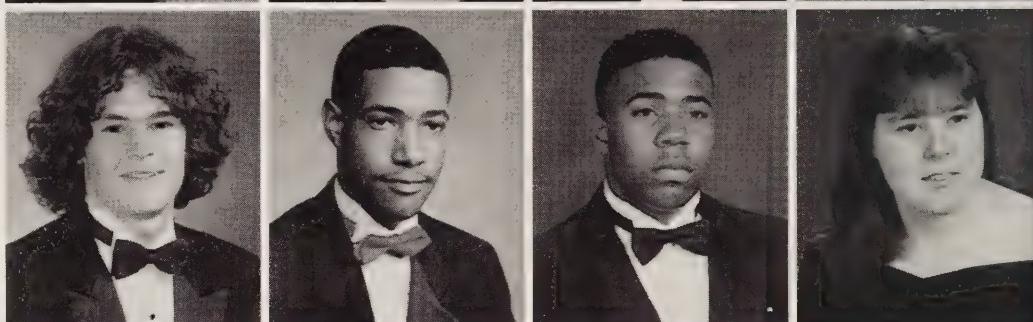
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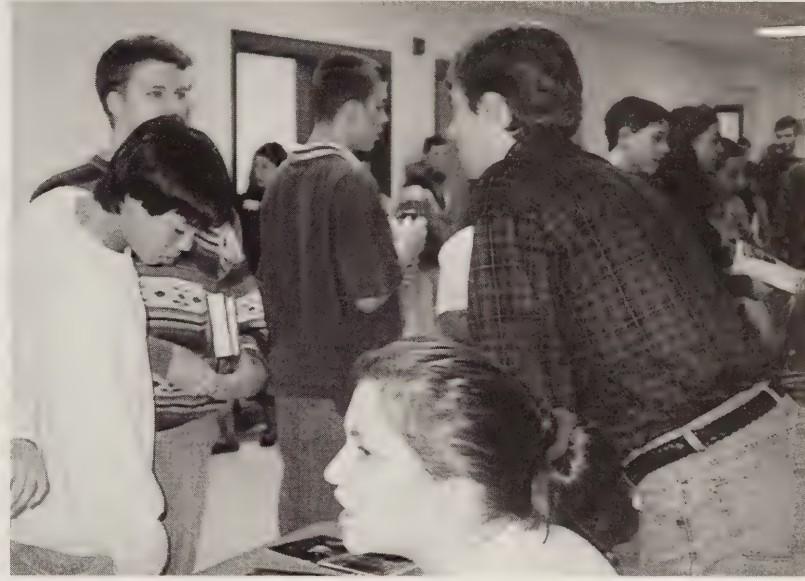
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"So, where are you going to college next year?" That question, which casually sums up the stresses and goals of twelve years of school, tends to follow all seniors during the entire year. "The first thing everyone I saw asked was always 'do you know where you are going to college yet?'" Planning for the future involves many decisions: whether or not you're going to college; if yes, then where, and if no, what are you going to do? "There's too much pressure! I can't stand it!" said Martha O'Dell about making choices for the rest of her life. To help seniors make those important decisions, College Chat Day was sponsored by the College and Career Center. The first alumni returned to give advice and answer questions.

Once you decide you're going to college, the dreaded application process begins, either early decision to one school or regular decision to many. James Buckley, who was accepted early to Cornell, enjoyed his peace of mind from the acceptance worries and said, "Early decision decreases stress and saves time for seniors." By February, the last applications were sent with the help of the College and Career Center and the guidance counselors and the waiting began. One final decision remained: "So where are you going to go when you get into more than one school?"

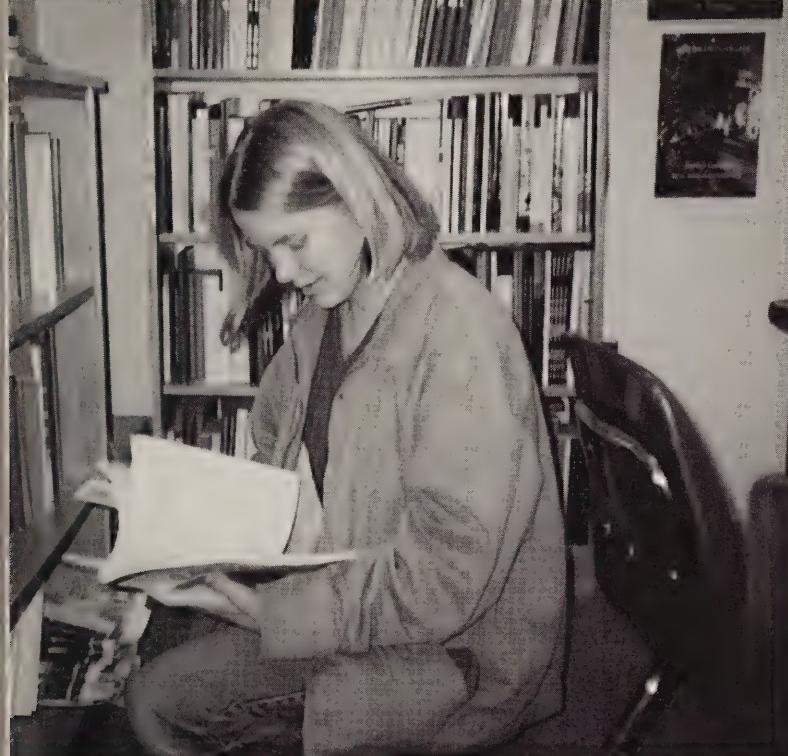
CHOOSING A FUTURE 101

BY: GRACIE HUDERT



Chris Andrews and Steven Hsu talk to former student Donnie Wells during College Chat Day. Andrews appreciated the advice from the college freshmen and said, "It helped show me more about what to expect next year." Gracie Hudert Photo

Erin Waller, who applied for regular admission, checks out college catalogs in the College and Career Center and said, "I was little jealous of people who already knew where they're going in December, but I wasn't sure where I wanted to go, so regular decision was right for me." Gracie Hudert Photo



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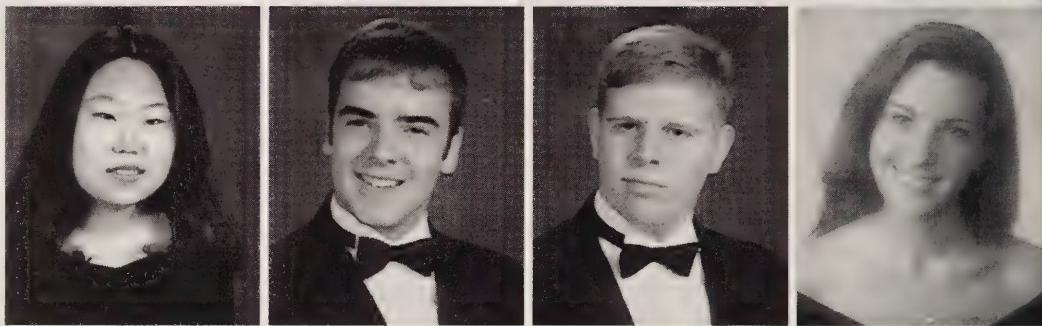
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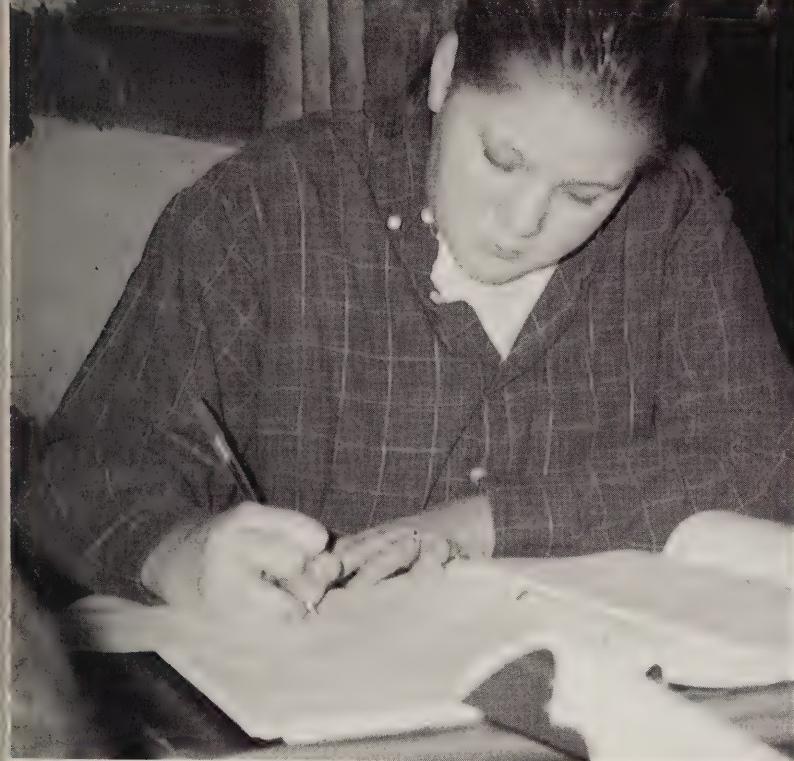


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Winter is the season for sickness, as absences demonstrate, but one epidemic ran wild through the halls- Senioritis! As thoughts of exemptions, skip days, picnics, graduation and college weighed heavily on students' minds, school work seemed to be the farthest thing from seniors' lists of priorities. Then the situation worsened with more cases showing, as many found out about their early admission into colleges. "It's so hard to concentrate on my schoolwork when I know that my place in the graduating class of 2001 at UVA is already reserved," said Luke Anderson.

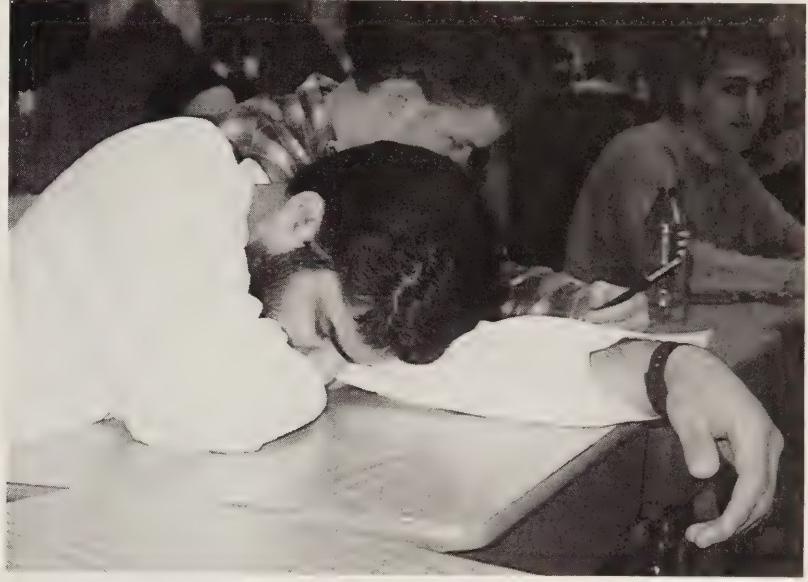
But since the oh so important exemptions depended on a B average for the semester and not missing more than three regular class periods and no more than five first periods, not all focus had been lost. "Exam exemptions are the only reason I come to school," said Vanessa Wilson. Exempt seniors found themselves with a whole weeks worth of free time on hand.

But each case proved to have different causes. For some, the idea of college and its freedom were a catalyst for the oncoming sickness. "I can't wait to get to college and have a new start away from home, and all its rules," said Summer Cole. The cases finally disappeared when graduation came in June, at least until next year.



ALERT! DISEASE CONTROL! SENIORITIS BREAKS OUT!

BY: MAREN RIEHM



Ali Beyad catches a quick cat nap during Donna Dolling's Latin class. Many seniors found it harder and harder to stay awake once the question of which college to go to was already answered and they knew they were already exempt. Maren Riehm Photo

Waiting till the last minute, Summer Cole finishes some homework from the previous night during class. Seniors often began to slack when they knew they were already exempt. Maren Riehm Photo



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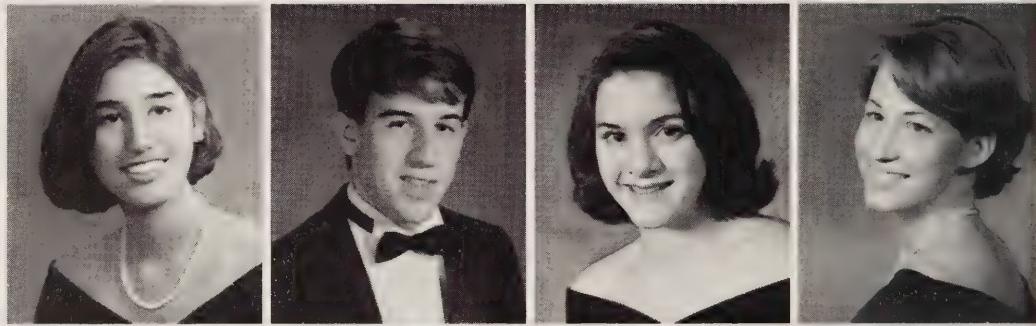
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After four long years of high school, seniors finally get to graduate and receive their diploma. But before this day comes seniors have to prepare for this moment.

The price of graduation is not all that expensive. The essentials such as the cap and gown are included with the senior class dues paid for at the beginning of the school year. They can purchase accessories designed with the school colors and graduation year such as tassels, mugs, memory books to put the pictures of close friends in, and a t - shirt with the names of the members of the senior class on it.

Other expenses, which are optional, include: graduation announcement cards, envelopes, seals and thank you cards. The overall price of graduation can range from the senior fee of \$35 to around \$135 dollars.

Some seniors weren't worried about the price of graduation, just all the other problems that come with being a senior. "I'm not worried about the cost of graduation at all, just graduating," said senior John Bryce. Others took the graduation process a little more carefully. Erin Fields said, "It took me a long time to pick out my graduation materials, and I can't wait to graduate , the sooner I get my cap and gown, the better."

THE PRICE IS RIGHT

BY: BETH MOON



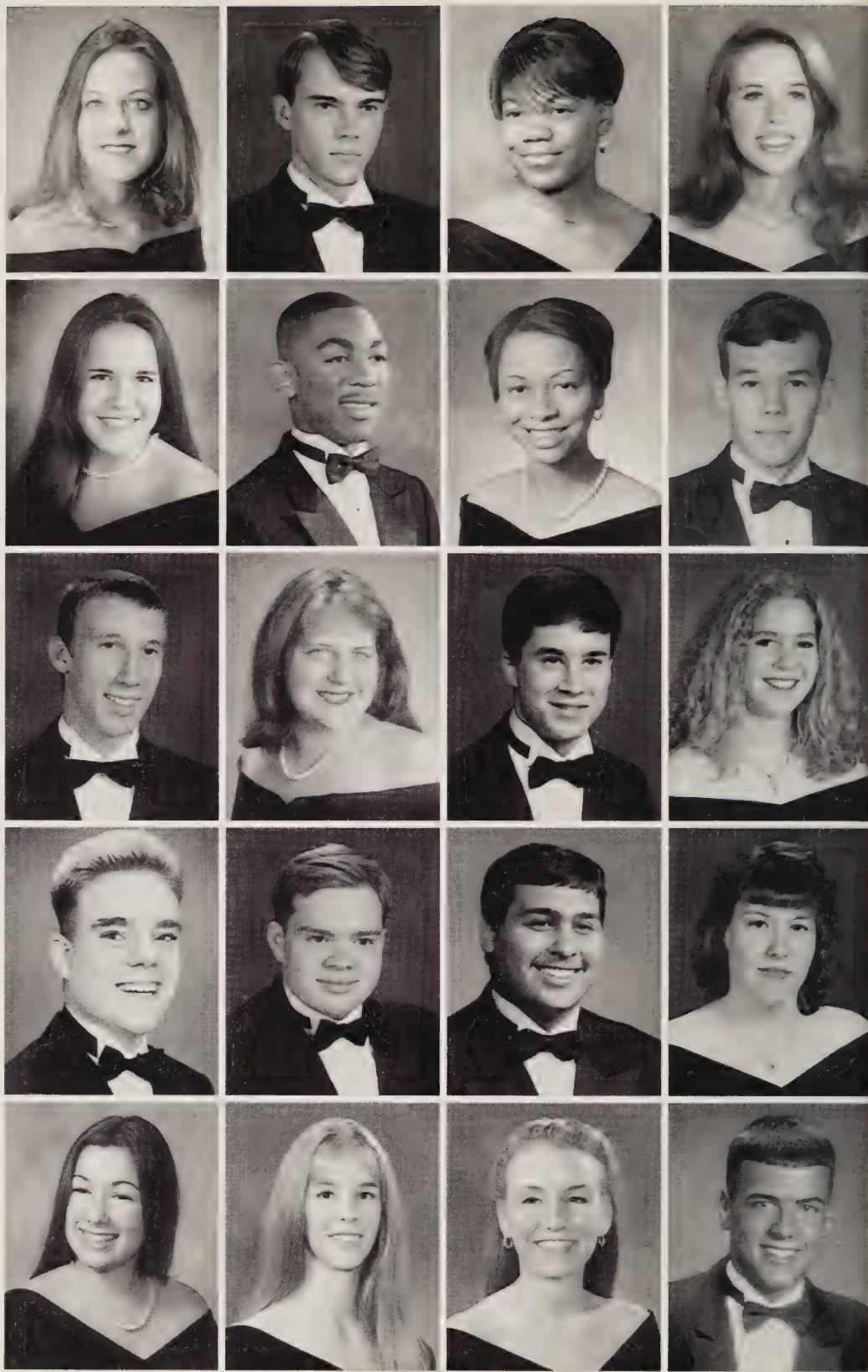
Erin Smith works on a make up test for Sharon Hoffert's math class. Seniors had to make sure to keep up with all make up work and absences to be exempt from exams at the end of the semester. Beth Moon Photo

Prissy Gonzalez prepares for Barbara Wright's photography class. Seniors had the option to take more electives if they had already taken the academic courses required for graduation. Beth Moon Photo



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Exam exemptions, the long awaited reward after years of essays, multiple choice, fill in the blanks, and identifications, are perhaps the most treasured senior privilege. Abby Mollen said, "Exam exemptions make all the work worth it." The prospect of having to take exams as a senior motivates those who have never opened a book into all-night study sessions, sends the sick to school and prompts the often late to sprint for class to beat the bell. In order to reach the desired goal of a week's vacation instead of multiple two hour tests, seniors had to maintain a B average for the whole semester and be in class...or at least on all but five days to first period and three to all other classes. "I was so worried that I might have to take exams that I came to school sick a few times," said Erin Keltonic.

With the goal of exemption achieved at semester's end, the underclassmen return to school for exam while many seniors enjoy a week of sleeping in or rewarding occupations of time. Mike Cannady, who traveled to Austria to ski during his week off, said, "Exemptions are a great reward for earning good grades and having good attendance all semester long." With exemptions a reward for a long semester's work, seniors could rightly enjoy a break.



A SENIOR-ONLY VACATION

BY: GRACIE HUDERT



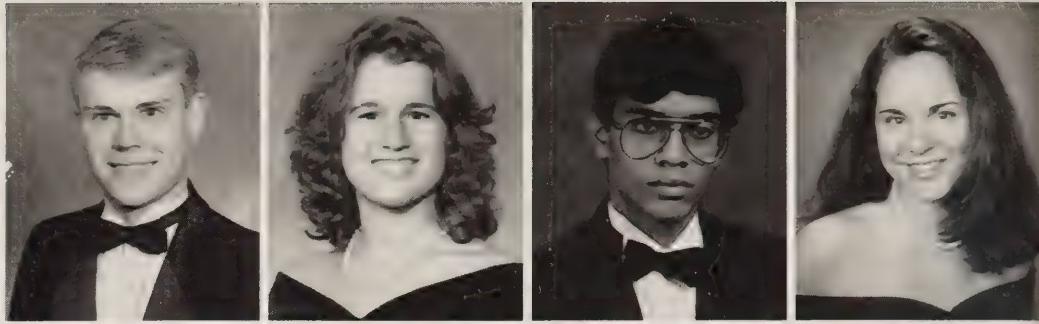
Luke Anderson, Kevin Harrington, Ryan Furgurson, John Lucy, Patrick Anderson and Mike Cannady smile for the camera while skiing in Austria. The trip was a reward for a semester's hard work while underclassmen took exams. Patrick Anderson Photo

Josh Szostek gets a tardy pass from Kris Negaard before first period. Seniors tried to be on time, so they wouldn't have to take exams. Szostek said, "Sometimes sleep is worth a tardy, but when it comes to exemptions, five more minutes in bed isn't worth it." Gracie Hudert Photo



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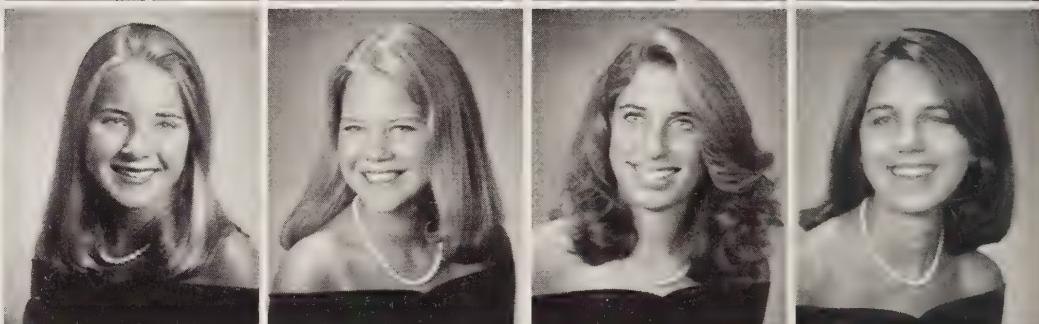
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Who says senior year of high school is supposed to be a breeze? Between filling out college applications, keeping up with schoolwork, and afterschool jobs or activities, seniors had enough work to keep them stressed out all year. Frowning students sat hunched over thick books, cramming for a big test in their next class. They had to squeeze it in somewhere because as Kevin Swann said, "It just doesn't seem like there's enough time in the day to get done what you need to get done."

For some, the problem was outside of school. Rashad Irby said, "The biggest thing I'm stressed over is the fact that I don't have a car to get me to work, so I can make the money to go to college." Some way or another, everyone's problems seemed to relate back to school. So how can a person relax with so much to do? "I'm just ready to graduate and then we'll relax by going to the beach," said Tracie Walker. Well, that would definitely be one way to solve the problem. Everyone else had to hang in until at least Spring Break came around. One thing is for sure- seniors had to learn how to budget their time if they wanted to make it into college the following year. The challenge seemed to be keeping track of a busy schedule, while managing not to go insane.

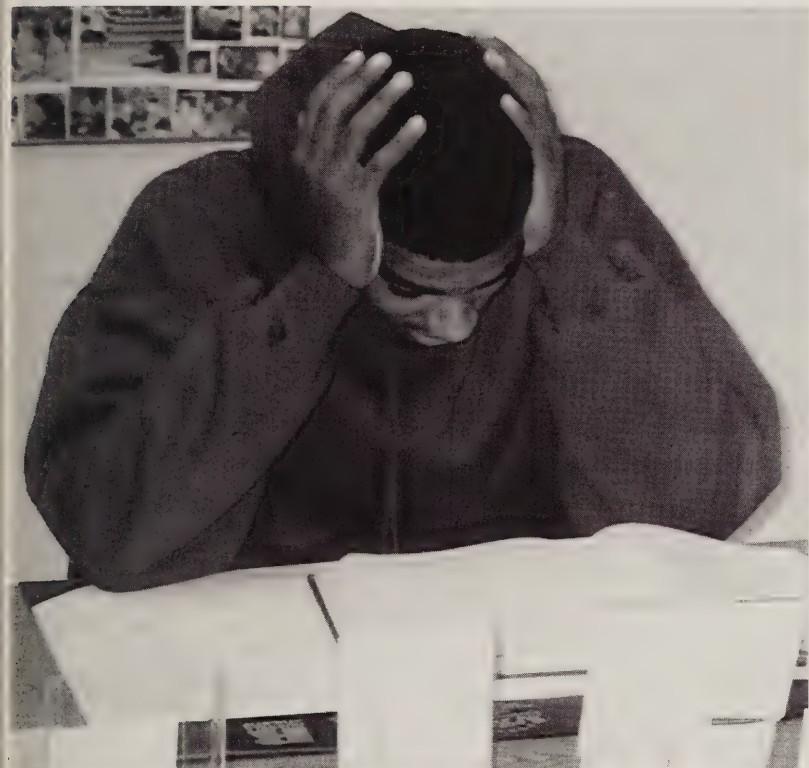
JUST RELAX- HOW TO COPE WITH STRESS

BY: SABEEN REZA



"I think I'm gonna puke!" said Kevin Harrington, as he and John Lucy examine a shark's heart in their vertebrate anatomy class. When seniors reached a class of this level, the workload increased, as more demands were placed upon them. Sabeen Reza Photo

Kevin Swann studies for a math test before running off to basketball practice. Many seniors found it difficult to find time to maintain their grades while excelling in athletics and other extra-curricular activities. Sabeen Reza Photo



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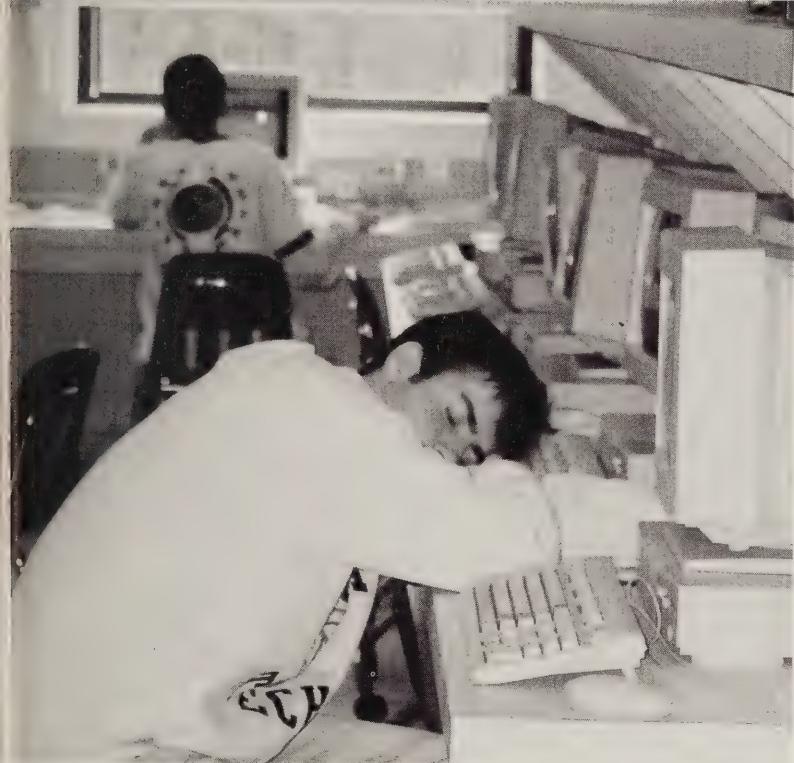


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You know things are bad when in English class your teacher has to make you go for a run in the hallway to wake you up or when you are actually at the point where you want to put toothpicks in your eyes to hold up your drooping eyelids. Many seniors admitted to being this tired on a regular basis. Sleep seemed to have become a thing of the past; the normal glass of juice at breakfast was now replaced by a cup of coffee or a can of caffeinated soda. Once the administration cut down on drinks in classrooms, some routines had to change. "I had to get up even earlier in order to drink my last cup of coffee in the morning," said Tracy Waldron. As seniors tried to find time in their busy lives for things like after school activities, seven classes of homework, projects, papers, jobs and friends, sleep was often a privilege enjoyed only by few. "I leave school early, so I don't have homework in as many classes, but I go straight to work, so I am still up pretty late," said Nikki Taylor. For those few seniors who somehow had enough hours in the day to complete everything and still get to bed at a decent hour, sleep was a mere routine item, rather than a much coveted reward. Thus, day after day they returned to school sleepy and zombie-like, and as teachers looked out, seniors' heads had hit the desks.



MORE CAFFEINE PLEASE!

SENIORS FIGHT TO STAY AWAKE AT HOME AND IN THE CLASSROOM

BY: KIM WHITE



Nathan Dolan sleeps during one of his classes. Some students took quick cat naps after they finished their work during class. Others, however, slept right through their teacher's lectures or work. Melissa Pugh Photo

During computer class John Bryce takes a quick nap. After being up all night working on papers or projects, some students couldn't help falling asleep when there was a lull in classroom activity. Kim White Photo



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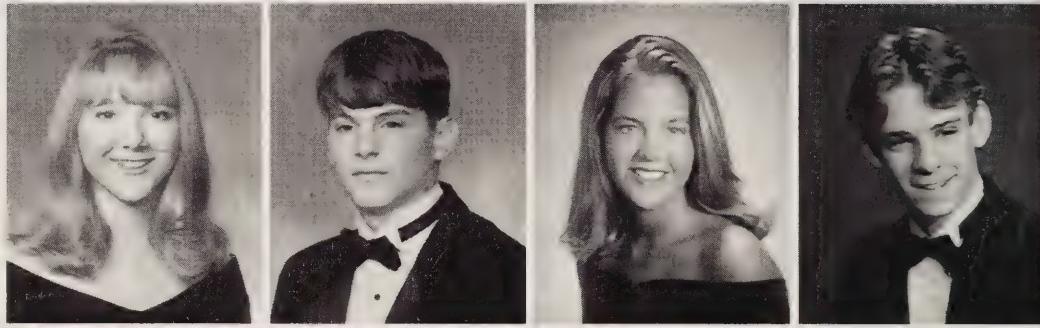
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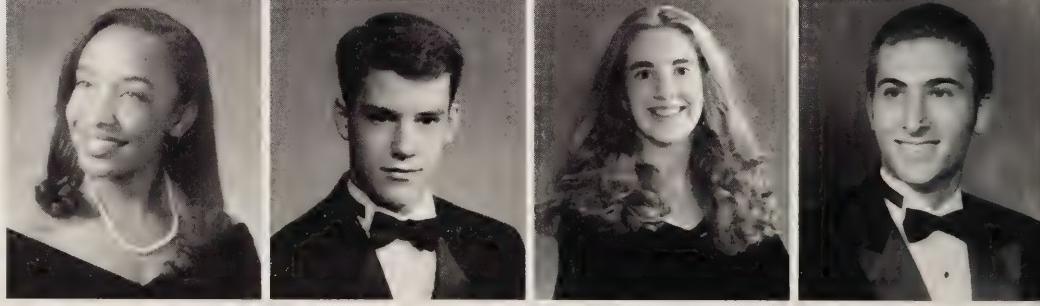
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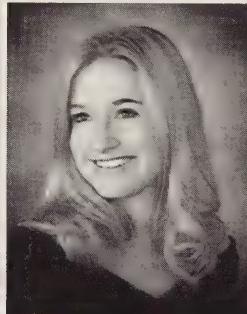
Ok, so you sign up thinking this is cool....I'll take this AP class, take a little test at the end of the year, get some college credit... Advanced Placement classes gave students an opportunity for higher level classes, which could be taken to earn possible college credit. Seniors and juniors were able to sign up for these classes after completing all other required courses. AP classes were offered in the five main academic areas, including math, science, english, history and foreign language. Since the main objective of this class was to prepare students for the AP test at the end of the year, class activities were geared towards this preparation. For example, in Harriet Meader's AP English classes, students took practice tests weekly to familiarize themselves with the multiple choice sections, as well as the essays. Other teachers provided worksheets and the like to further students' skills in the specific areas tested on the exam. As the exams neared, teachers spent time with students in after school study sessions to finish reviewing any necessary material, as well as administering full length practice tests to the classes in order for students to experience first hand what the real test would be like.

The AP exams were offered in the beginning of May. The entire range of tests lasted two weeks, with each day holding a morning and afternoon session, each of which lasted around three hours. The tests were graded on a comparative scale of 1-5, with one being the lowest and five being the highest. Most colleges required a score of a four or a five to receive credit. Scores were reported to the high school, college choice and student in mid-July.

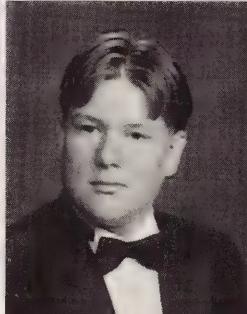
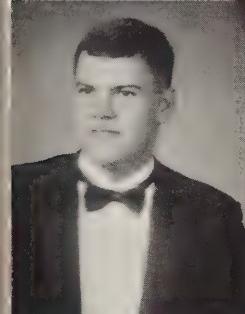
COLLEGE ALREADY?

STUDENTS SIGN UP FOR AP TESTS

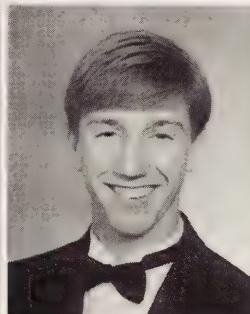
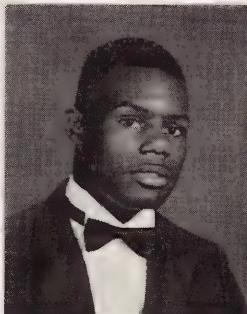
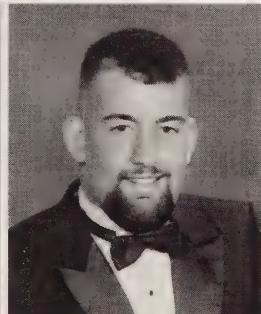
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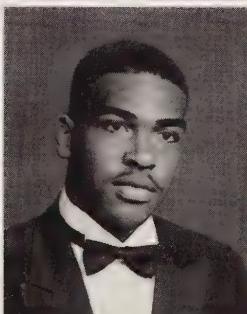
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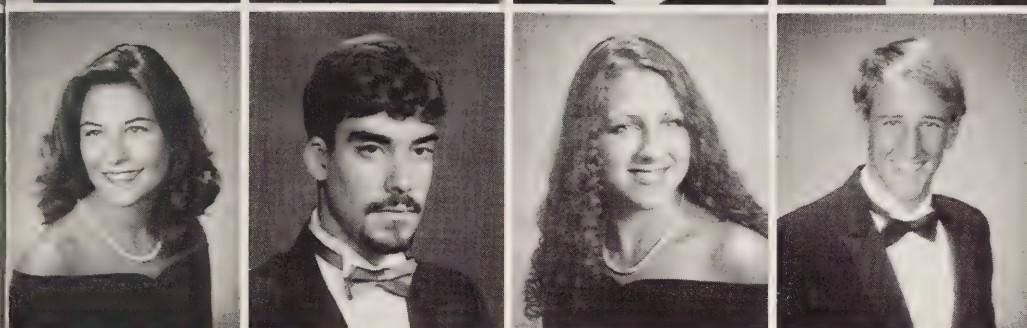




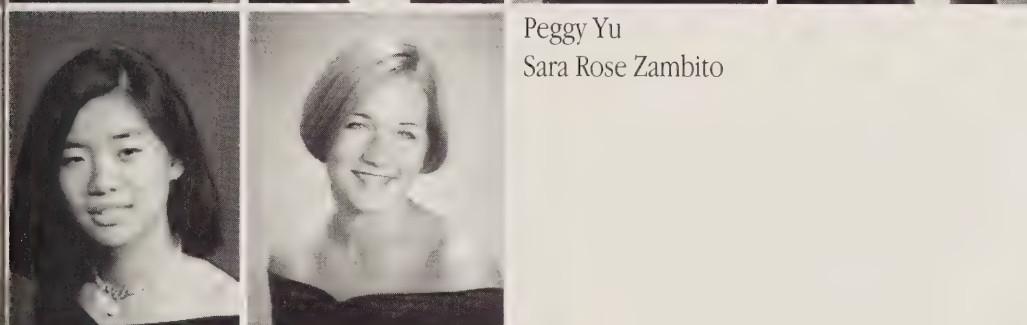
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IT'S NOT JUST APPLES ANYMORE!

What is the nicest thing a student has ever done for you in all of your career?

"My students who have gone on to major in French give me the greatest gift, because they show me that I opened an exciting door for them. Some students have also brought back items from their travels that they think I can use in my classes. Their thoughtfulness is touching."

Linda Davidson

"What makes me happiest is having students (past or present) say, 'Thanks, I have learned to love literature.'"

Harriet Meader

"After graduating, students have returned and thanked me for pushing them harder than they wanted to work, for they felt it helped them later on in life. The sincere thanks of a student is truly gratifying."

Kris Neggard
"I had a Vietnamese student, Tu Linh once who would not get up in front of the class and give a presentation, for she feared her classmates would ridicule her difficulty with the English language. Finally she made a speech, and then at the end of the year I received a letter from her thanking me for pushing her to try it. That was really very touching."

Linda Carden

"In my classroom I constantly stress the importance of life long learning, teamwork and above all being tolerant and supportive of all people. Most recently I had a student return to let me know how important my class was to him, he had chosen his experiences in chorus to write his graduate school application essay.

Robin Moore-Raful

Michael Bates and Gabrielle Adams take a break from their chalk drawings to wave to Frank Coleman during his sociology class. They were illustrating points of the lesson outside. When asked about his greatest gift, he said, "It would have to be the students who have taken the time to write a note of thanks. That really means a lot. Also, some students say the way I taught history or sociology has influenced their career choice. That's almost scary." Frank Coleman Photo

Barbara Rothenburg helps a student prepare to develop film in photography class. In all of her years of teaching she said, "There are so many rewards in teaching! One of my students who went on to JMU to major in Russian wrote to me about how he appreciated and missed photography class. He worked for the yearbook staff and was able to use the darkroom. He said that every time he smelled developing chemicals in the dark room, he thought of me." Almitra Corey Photo





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Linda Boggs, Social Studies
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Keith Colver, Security
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Susan Cox, Foreign Language
Timothy Crane, Science



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HEROES' HEROES

Who is your favorite cartoon character or super hero?

"I like Calvin and Hobbs because it just says it all. I also love Winnie the Pooh because he never gives up on getting the honey."

Bettina Hinckle

"I think it would be Spiderman because he can spin webs and the story is really cool. The man fights the bad guys and spins webs. He is definitely cool."

Mark Prochaska

"I like Marvin the Martian. He is just cool, and I love the way he talks."

Kate Flournoy

"I like Garfield. He just gets to hang out and has people take care of him all the time. He is pampered a lot."

Ray Shelley

"I like Hong Kong Phooey. My dog looks just like him, minus the cape mask and car."

Paul Koch

"It would be the Incredible Hulk. He is a mean, green, [fighting] machine. (He is also the coolest Rapid I know with his green skin and purple pants!)"

Pete Shumacher

"Calvin and Hobbs. Because it's funny."

Tim Couillard

"Bugs Bunny is the all time smart- alec, prankster, cool dude; but the Simpsons also make satirical statements on society's condition. Cowabunga man!"

Jody Verleger



Melissa Smith's two dogs, Kramer and Casey, play with a towel at their home. Smith was a new addition to the English department. Because of the new schedule, each department had to hire more teachers. When she was asked who her favorite cartoon character was Smith said, "Snoopy because he is a man of few words but is still the best character on Peanuts. He is a dog with an attitude." Snoopy also reminded her of her own dogs. Melissa Smith Photo



aDonna Meade, a health and P.E. teacher, gives advice to a JV field hockey player during halftime at a game. The team played against the Monacan Chiefs. Though it was only her second year at James River, she coached JV field hockey, JV Basketball and JV girl's soccer. Each of these teams had winning seasons. When asked who her favorite cartoon character or super hero was, Meade thought for a moment, and then responded, "Bugs Bunny rules!" Barrett Wright Photo



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Anne Martin, Library
Nona Mason, Special Education
Ruth Matthews, Business
Mary Mayo, Mathematics
Jim McLean, Health/P.E.



Susanne McLean, Mathematics
Harriet Meader, English
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Robin Moore-Raful, Fine Arts
Kim Mullins, Science
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Ray Shelley, Mathematics
Melissa Smith, English
Laura Stewart, English
Patty Strong, English



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Susan Tarkington, Business
Kevin Toole, Special Education
Jane Tucker, Foreign Language
Jodi Verleger, English
Tracy Weldon, Fine Arts
Lisa White, Tutor Monitor



Suzanne Wille, Mathematics
Mary Woodhouse, Mathematics

Laura Wright, Fine Arts



It's A Matter Of Perspective

What do you mean, more testing? Why do we need a cop? Am I really being denied the act of satisfying my hunger or thirst in class? Dommissee for president! I don't have ten dollars to pay a library fine! I'm glad they livened up the walls. I wish they'd regulate the temperature. I love that they sell fresh vegetables in the cafeteria. High school is a variety of people with a variety of opinions. These were just a few of the comments heard based upon the students matter of perspective.

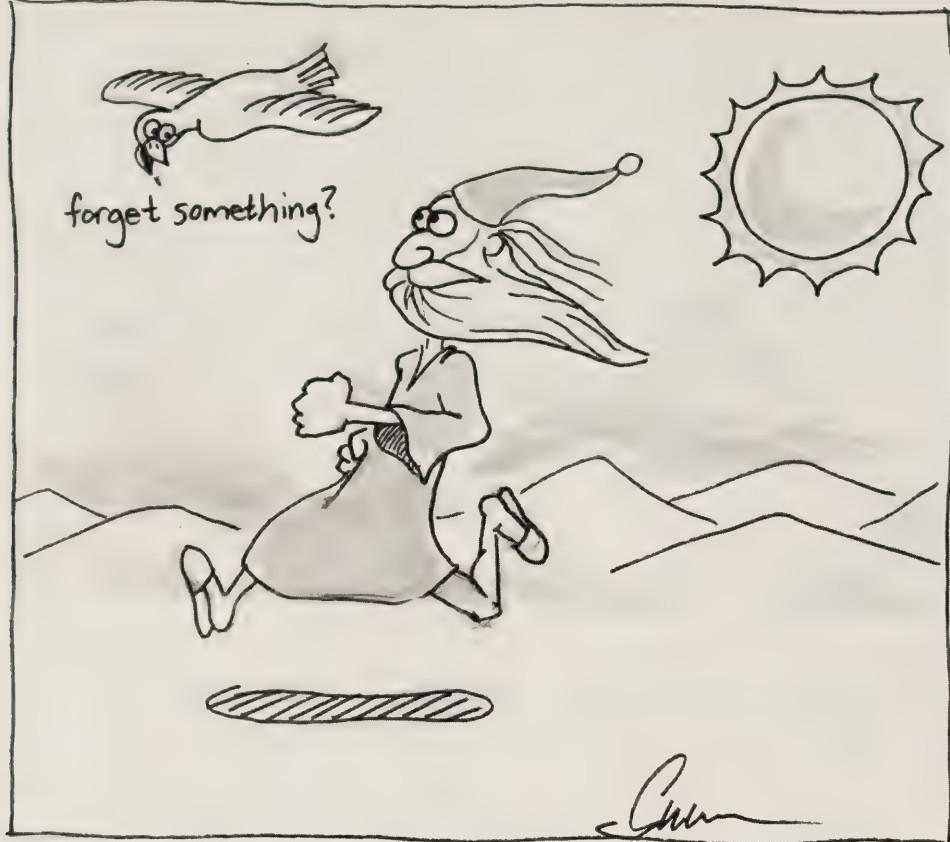
Not everyone sees eye to eye on every issue. Especially when dealing with personal issues. "Everyone's life-style is different. Therefore, people have different opinions on different issues. What they feel are small issues may be large to someone else," said Shema Taylor.

Many students feel the same about the seven-period alternating block schedule and FCA's, while other issues such as the pledge of allegiance had many opposing views. Opinions and views are set by trends and lack of experience. For instance a freshman may not feel the same about the seven period day because he wasn't forced to readjust to two different schedules. "Freshmen will never know what it is like

to switch and adjust to two schedules while watching your grades fluctuate because of your inability to become comfortable with the new schedule," said Jeremy Smith. Although students had many different opinions about the schedule, the pledge, and the FCA's, all students were expected to follow them.

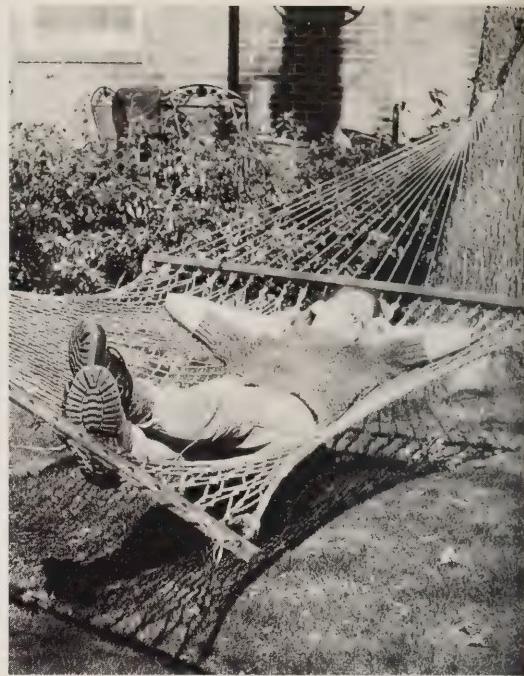
Melissa Pugh

Editorials



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On the 6th day God rested, but then remembered it was an even day, and had to create man.



Junior Kathleen Eyre collapses in her hammock for a moment of rest. Eyre preferred the four by four because she felt that, "With five AP classes, I imagine the four by four would break up the work load and make school a little more bearable." On the four by four plan, students only had four classes at one time to deal with. This allowed them more time per subject. Emily May Photo

BY: KATE LOTTS

PRO

"On the seven-block you can get ahead easily by doing your homework one night earlier, or you can skip a night and not get behind."

Carrie Mierenfeld 12

"I like block scheduling better than the standard six period day because it's a lot less work. There is also no conflict with AP exams."

Patrick Anderson 12

"I do like it more than the four by four. Teachers are calmer, and you learn more."

Angel Milone 10

"The four by four is less stressful....at least you don't forget stuff by the next year"

Kelley Nix 10

"I like the seven block. It gives more time for homework and is so much better than having seven classes in one day."

Keith Davis 9

CON

"Seven periods are stressful and confusing. Figuring out what homework is due what day is an unnecessary ordeal."

Allison Seay 11

"I think students have probably not performed as well. We need a study hall! Realistically, there are merits and problems with both"

Greg Domisse, Fac.

"Teachers seem to have a hard time remembering what happened last class. You can go for five days without taking a class if teachers don't remember, how can we?"

Danielle Crayton 10

"I prefer the 4x4 because I'd like to have some time to do things other than homework."

Heather Schultheis 12

"I think 7-block is insane!"

Kiele Stewart-Funai 9



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Sophomore Francisco Folgar can't find the words to describe the seven-block schedule; instead, he sketches out a drawing on the bottom of his paper. It depicts a man, labeled "The Four by Four," bound and gagged to a wooden chair. His kidnapper? None other than Mr. Seven Block, looking somewhere close to insane and very dangerous -- but from the corner of the paper comes his rescuer, a weapon-wielding fellow called JRHS, cross eyed and screaming "I must defend the four by four!"

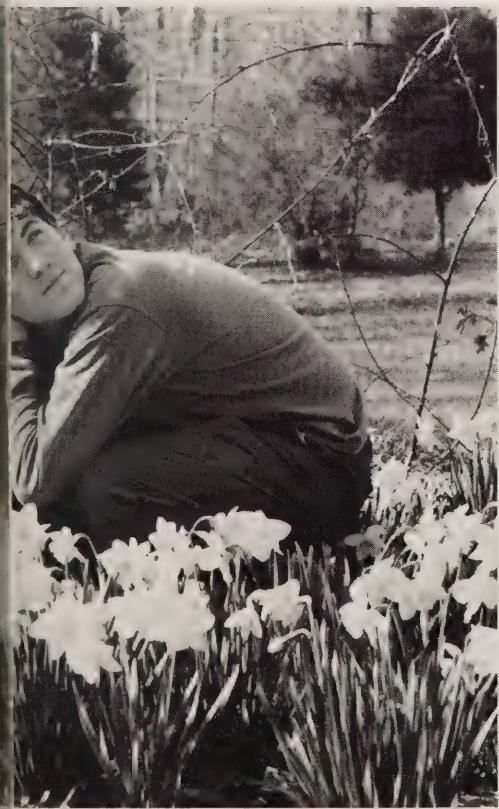
Folgar, needless to say, thought very little of the new schedule, and he hardly stood alone. Most of the students asked favored the four by four hands down; as junior Patrick Donovan said, "On the four by four, it was easier to get my work done, and it wasn't as stressful." His words seemed to sum up the feelings of most of the advocates of the four by four; other popular aspects of the schedule included the middle of the year switch ("It provided a first-day atmosphere so the students weren't so bored towards the middle," said one anonymous sophomore), the chance to "double up" and take two foreign languages during high school, and the possibility for early graduation.

On the other hand, some found the seven block a better way of doing things. Sophomore Allison Woodlee said, "With the seven block [you have] more time for homework and a different atmosphere every day. With the four

by four, a teacher tried to teach a year's curriculum in a half a year time, so [there was] more homework each night." Some students, though not supportive of the schedule as a whole, took the day to day problems of the seven-block and used them to their advantage. "The seven period forces you to learn to mange your time," said junior Kathleen Eyre, and Erin McAlister added, "You have more time in class...but that's also a disadvantage!"

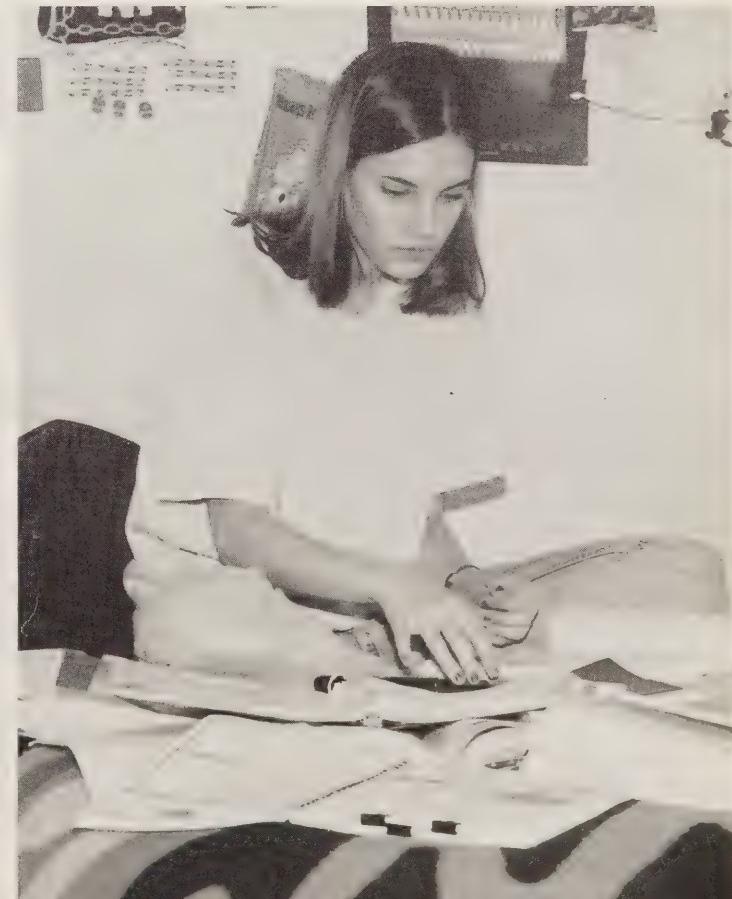
If one thing stood out about the schedule, it was the actual even day/ odd day organization itself. Even those who said they hated the seven block listed it as an advantage; however, others found it too confusing. Sophomore Lauren deTreville summed up both attitudes when she said, "The seven block is incredibly confusing...but it gives a nice variety."

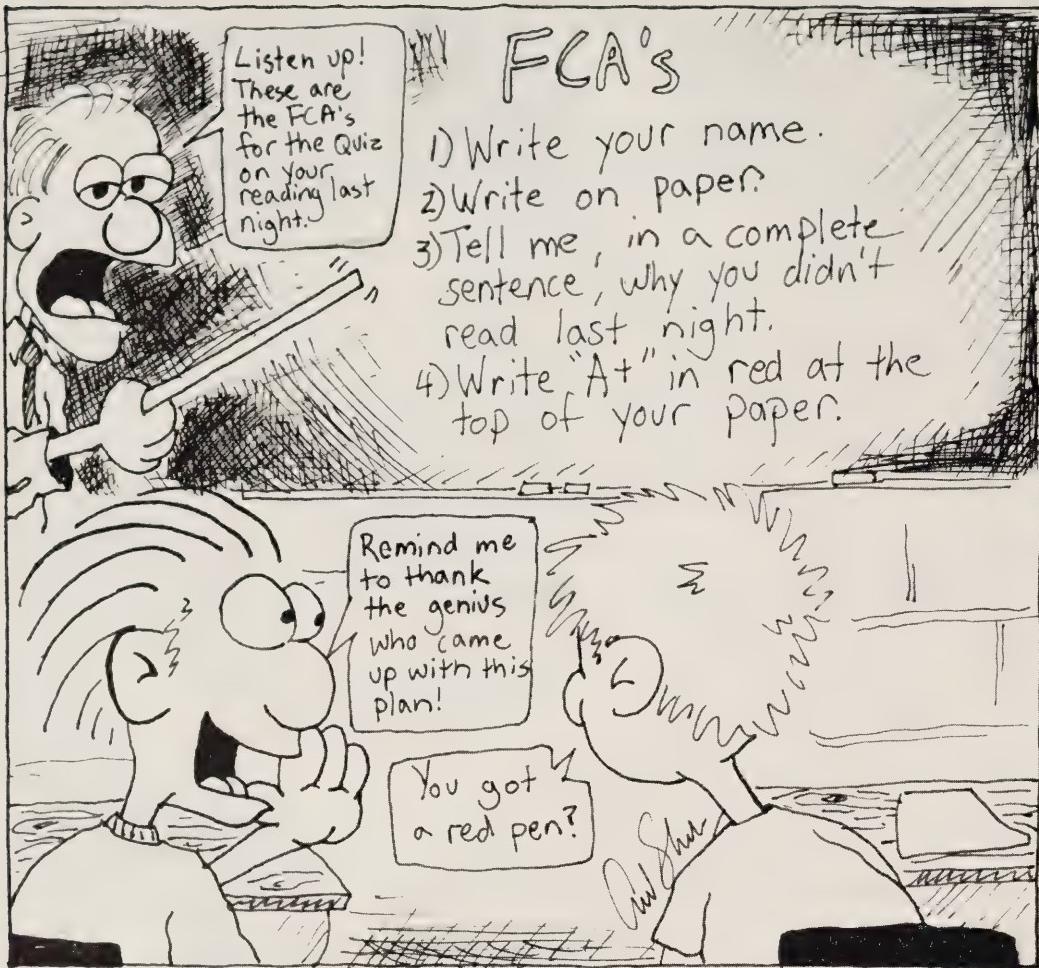
Still a third group existed; those who just no longer cared. Many had simply become tired of being a "guinea pig;" one sophomore summed up this feeling when she said, "I can't believe the students... did not seem to have a 'say-so' in what the schedule was going to be." However, some became ambivalent to the changes and learned to take them in stride. Senior Vanessa Garbini said, "I really don't care what schedule it is. I've been through three different ones in high school - it's still an education no matter what time slot they put it in."



Early spring flowers offer a chance for Hale Schneider, a freshman, to take a break from homework. Schneider said, "Though the workload is heavy, I like the schedule because it is nice not having the same classes every day." Many freshmen shared Schneider's feelings, often adding that they might not be so happy if they had experienced the four by four. This schedule was the first and only one that freshmen had experienced in high school. Emily May Photo

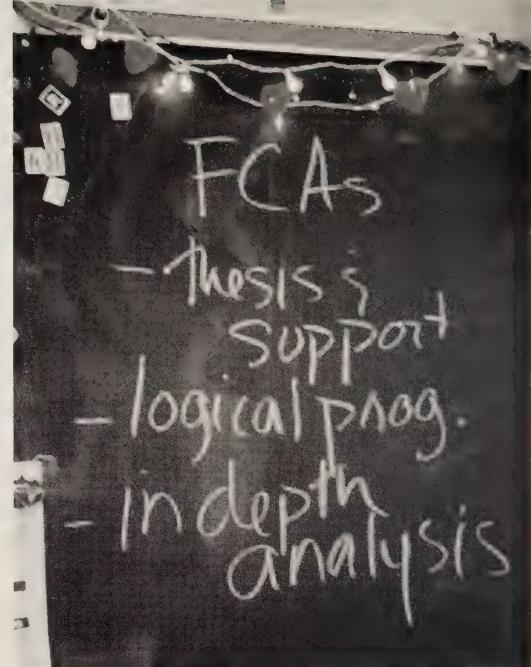
Sophomore Rachel Tokarz bends intently over her homework, the ever-popular purple planner close at hand. She found the schedule confusing. "The seven block doesn't make sense to me. The four by four was so much easier on students, and it gave me the opportunity to learn more," said Tokarz. Some faculty felt this way too. English teacher, Holly O'Donnell said, "With a shortened first period and long blocks, planning is very difficult." Emily May Photo





FCAs

- 1) Write your name.
- 2) Write on paper?
- 3) Tell me, in a complete sentence, why you didn't read last night.
- 4) Write "A+" in red at the top of your paper.



Tracy Robertson's board displays the FCAs for a Type IV paper on The Great Gatsby. FCAs such as these were used as a guideline to help with organization and analytical writing skills. "These kind of FCAs make it easier to write a paper because they list the important areas that a teacher is looking for in a paper," said sophomore Rachel Burton a student of Robertson. English teachers were responsible for keeping track of all of their students' FCA papers. Cara Wolfe Photo

BY: CATHY NIEDERMAYER & CARA WOLFE

PRO

"I do think FCAs make it a little easier to write a paper. They give you something to work with, like a base."

Courtney Hughes 11

"I think it is good to have FCAs in other classes because they remind you to write your best."

Ginger Pennington 9

"FCAs help your paper to be more complete. They help

you to focus on what you need to include in your paper."

Krista Parada 10

"I love FCAs. They are fun. In conclusion, hooray for FCAs!"

Chris Andrews 12

"FCAs are OK in English because you set standards and that helps you to write better."

Joe Obi 10

"FCAs help to organize your paper."

Ashley Hutchinson 9

CON

"As far as English goes, if I can't capitalize correctly by now, I think it's time to throw in the towel."

Lindsay Prorock 12

"I do not think FCAs are necessary. They do not strengthen writing, just simplify it."

Jocelyn Dawson 11

"FCAs put too much regulation on a paper, making it choppy. The writer doesn't focus on content, merely the FCAs."

Noah Scribner 11

"It doesn't affect how I write and it's silly to say that they're preparing us for college and/or a job. I really doubt we'll write Group Grammar 1-3 on a term paper."

Suzanne Eggerding 12

"FCAs are a waste of time and energy."

Keion Boyd 10

"FCAs are nothing but busy work."

Kevin Boynton 10

WHAT DO YOU

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THINK OF THE FCAS?



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FCAs--are they really helpful, or just a waste of time?

According to Lynda Gillespie, Instructional Specialist of Secondary English for Chesterfield County, the purpose of the FCAs is to increase the amount of writing in all classes, not just English. "I think FCAs are useful in other classes because there is sometimes not enough writing in those classes," said senior Steven Hsu.

Teachers concentrate on three or four specific areas, rather than trying to cover all grammar, mechanics and content in every paper. "The FCAs are helpful because I am able to focus on a couple of areas to improve, instead of all of them at once," said sophomore Tiffiny Lyons. However, some students did not feel this was a good thing. "It seems pretty juvenile to focus on three areas, rather than the overall paper," said junior Sarah Davis.

Some students thought the FCAs provided a guideline, which made writing papers easier. "I think the FCAs are helpful because it tells you the most important things to include in your paper," said sophomore James Moore.

Some students saw the positive and negative points of using the FCAs. "I think they're a good way of judging where people belong--how they write, but it's detrimental towards higher level analysis writing," said junior Kinsey Row.

Because the FCA program required writing across the curriculum, students were expected to write FCA papers in classes such as math and fine arts where they may have not had to write papers previously. "I think FCAs are a waste of time in other classes, besides English, because the teachers only do it because they have to. It doesn't help in any way," said freshman Emilia Ayon.

Some students felt the FCAs actually improved their grades. "My writing skills have improved a little bit. I now have better word choice, but that is because of the FCAs my teacher assigns," said sophomore Jenna Eddy.

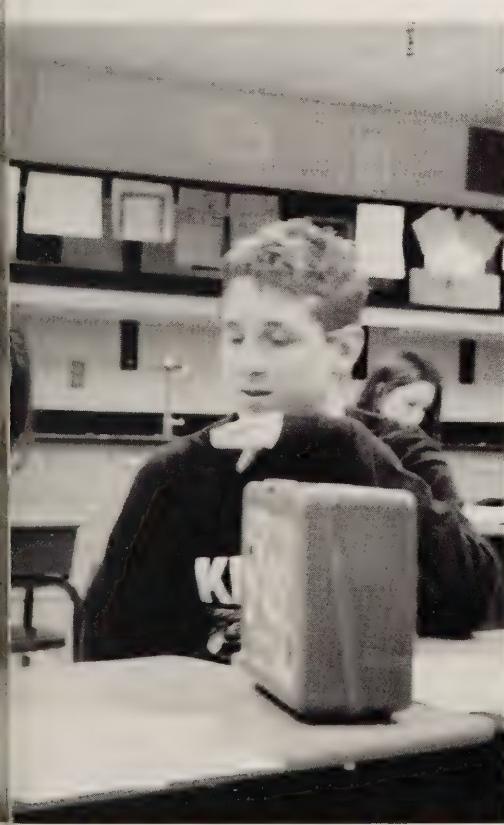
Other students thought the FCAs did nothing for their grades. "FCAs have not helped my grades. They have confused me, and made me less confident in my writing skills. They have forced me to change my writing style in order to fulfill the FCA requirements," said junior Kim Ellis.

Some seniors thought that they were past the point where the FCA program would be beneficial to their writing skills. "I think for seniors FCAs are basically meaningless because at this point you can't force students to follow rules for their papers," said senior Charlotte Dean.

Though they had mixed opinions, students will continue to be used as guinea pigs for new programs such as this one.

Liz Haas and Adam Beigbeder attempt to gather ideas for an FCA paper they are doing together in Tim Crane's Biology class. "I don't really think it's necessary to do an FCA paper in a class like biology, but I guess it's not so bad. It's not too hard, and if you follow the FCAs it's an easy grade," said Haas, a sophomore. Students were expected to complete a certain number of FCA papers in each class during the school year. *Cara Wolfe Photo*

Holly O'Donnell edits rough drafts for her students' FCA papers. "FCAs have a tendency to be too elementary for honors students. There needs to be a more stringent assessment for honors students," she said. As a part of the FCAs, students were required to include three rough drafts and peer revisions along with their final paper. To make sure they were following the FCAs correctly, students often had their teachers read their rough drafts. *Cara Wolfe Photo*





Billy misunderstood the meaning of the moment of silence and offered up a sacrifice to his stone idol: Kili-Tomai.



SCA first vice president Megan Mann leads the school in the pledge of allegiance during the morning announcement over the PA system in the front office to start the day. Mann and Second Vice President, senior Mansi Shah, alternated days leading the pledge and the announcements. This alternation, Mann on odd days, and Shah on even days helped students remember the day's schedule. On the new schedule, students could easily be confused about where to go after first period. Gracie Hudert Photo

BY: GRACIE HUDERT

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"Why not?"

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"I think it is important to show respect for your country."

Katie Foster 11

"I'm an American, so it is proper to do so."

Justin Piller 11

"I say it without the word 'God'; however, I believe it is a good way to express my patriotism."

Byron Wakley 12

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"I don't see the piece of cloth hanging from the wall as our nation; it is just a symbol."

Wade Todd 11

"I see no point. It really means nothing to me, even though it is about our nation."

Drew Stockdreher 10

"No, I stand up and face the flag, but I don't say the pledge because I have other things on my mind."

Marianne Moon 9

WHY DO YOU
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SAY THE PLEDGE?

"I'm a Canadian citizen, and having just moved here, I feel no loyalty or allegiance to the flag of the U.S."

Agnes Toth 12

"I have pledged all my life; having been ordered to do so, I refuse."

Joel Dexter, Fac.

"I don't believe that there is 'liberty and justice for all' in the U.S., so why should I stand and say that I do?"

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Seven twenty-four, a last minute dash to class by students, and the bell rings marking the beginning of the day.

The voice of either Megan Mann or Mansi Shah comes over the PA system, "Good morning and will everyone please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance." That simple statement, which now begins each day, has caused a wide variety of reactions among the students and teachers since it and the following Moment of Reflection began in mid-fall. While many people do not have a problem accepting this slight change in the schedule, others object to the pledge because of principle, wording or simply for the sake of objecting. Others question the value and purpose of the time, approximately 30 seconds of silence given to reflect each morning.

Those students and teachers who agree with the Pledge of Allegiance expressed feelings of loyalty to America and patriotism as reasons for pledging each morning. Senior Abby Mollen said, "I think it's important to show respect for our country." Sophomore Michael Ferrara did not see any reason not to say the pledge and said, "I think it should be continued in all grade levels." Other students did not feel as strongly. Senior Holly Lester said, "What else is there to do in the first 30 seconds of class? Unless I'm studying last minute for a Dex test, I say it."

While feelings of patriotism and habit possessed many stu-

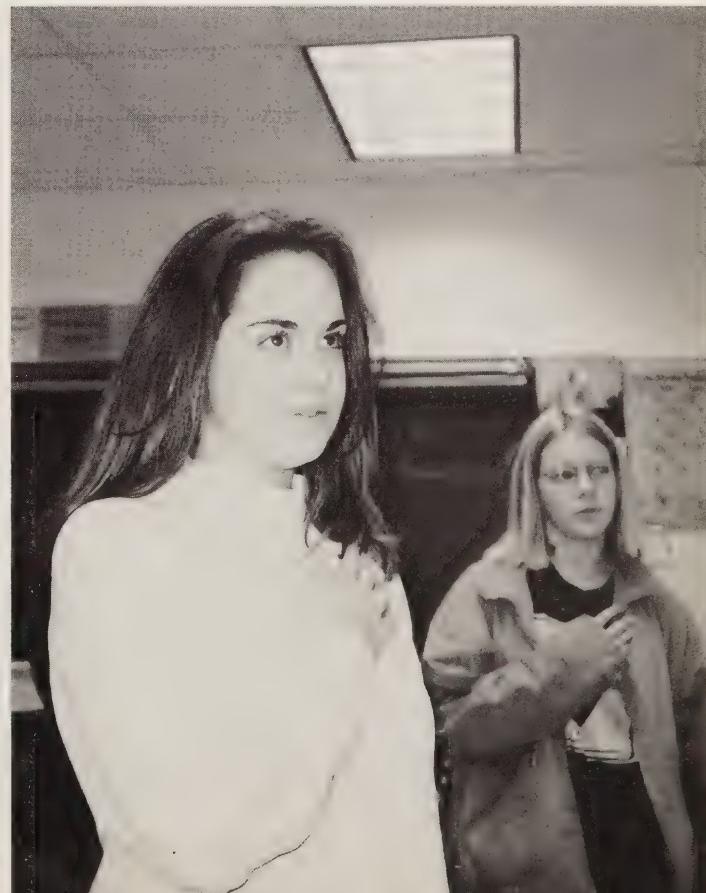
dents, others had a variety of objections to saying the Pledge of Allegiance, either in part or in whole. Senior Paul Frydrychowski said, "I refuse to pledge complete allegiance to a country that I know does things that I would not agree with."

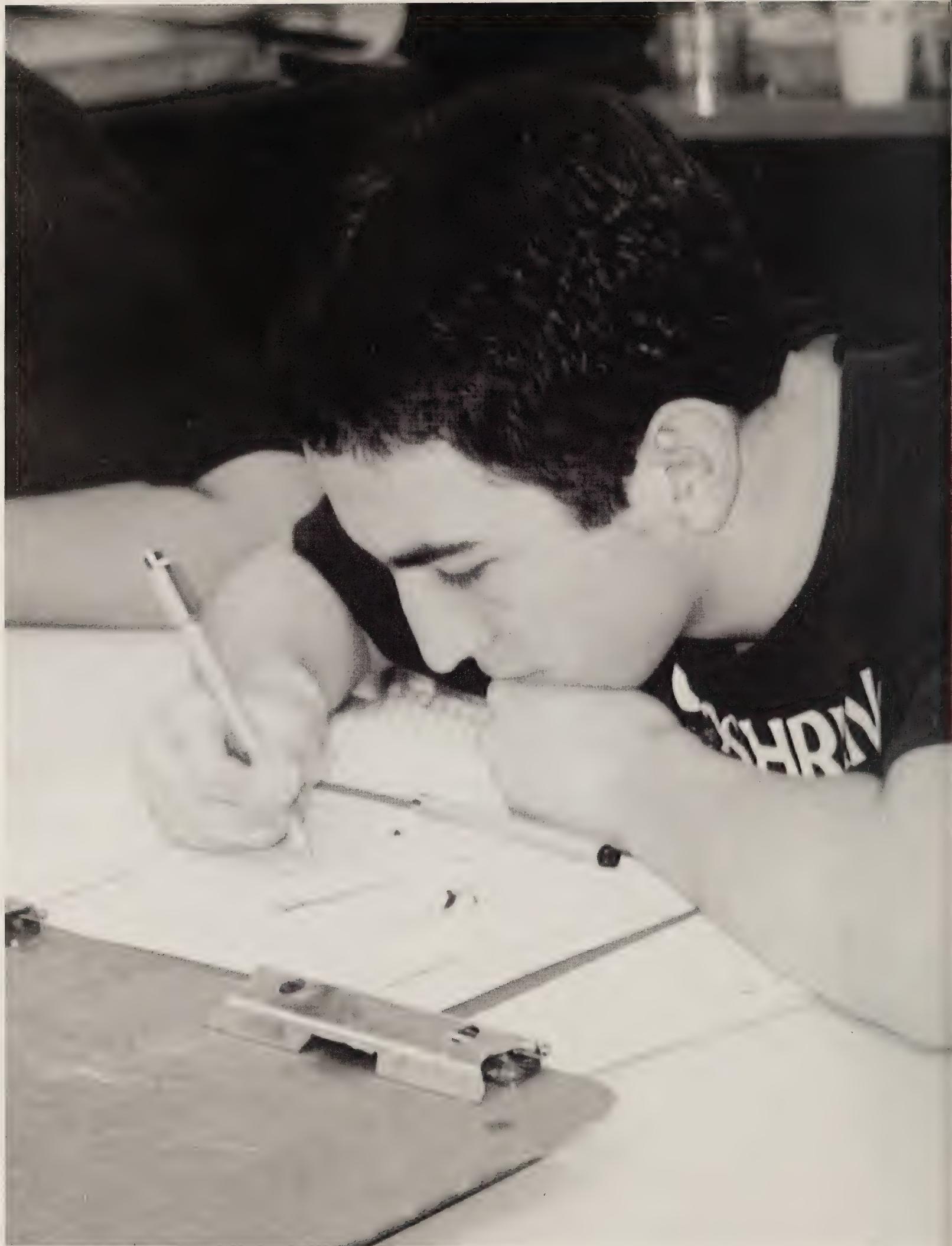
Many students did not see the purpose in the Moment of Reflection, because it is not widely observed and not long enough. Sophomore Stephani Bowman said, "Thirty seconds is not enough time for a 'moment of reflection,' if that is what they want to accomplish; then they should have made it a few minutes." Others students did not have as strong opinions about the small break at the beginning of the day, but they understood why some people would want it. Junior Kinsey Row said, "I think it's fine - if you want to use it to pray, that's cool; if you want to just sit quietly, that's cool too - but I don't care either way."

From mid-September, when it became part of the morning schedule, the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Reflection have been met with both acceptance and resistance. While many students saw no reason not to pledge, others objected for a variety of causes, and the Moment of Reflection was either regarded with satisfaction or confusion to its purpose. Regardless, both have become a ritual.

Seniors Abby Mollen and Erin Waller stand to recite the Pledge of Allegiance during first period. Students felt that reciting the pledge was often important to show their patriotic feelings for America. Mollen said, "I think it is important to show respect for our country." Among other reasons for pledging to the flag were feelings of duty, national pride, and habit. Those who objected often had a wide variety of individual and personal reasons for their nonconformity. Gracie Hudert Photo

Virginia Harris catches a short nap during the pledge of allegiance and moment of reflection every morning. Harris said, "I would rather start sleeping than say the pledge. More sleep time is good," when she was asked why she didn't stand or reflect. Other students used the time allotted for the Moment of Reflection for anything from prayer and collecting their thoughts before the beginning of a day of classes to last minute studying for an imminent test or quiz, finishing the last few lines and problems of a homework assignment or, like Harris, sleeping. Gracie Hudert Photo





It's a Matter of Fact

Just as the walls began to dull a bit and the schedule leveled out, the school year ended, and just as quickly, another began. It began with freshly scrubbed walls and a brand new schedule, one which took more than a little getting used to.

"I never, ever know the date, and now I have to," said Erin McAllister.

The new "alternating day" schedule came as the years biggest surprise. Complaints

varied; most expressed confusion about the days or the amount of work the schedule seemed to generate; some went so far as to buy a second backpack in a continuing quest for organization.

Along with the new schedule came changes in both the curriculum and the trivial facts of every day life. Global Studies no longer exists, and yes there are

eleven minutes between first and second (or is that third?). However, some things remained constant; homework piled on, the halls grew more crowded, bright yellow passes piled up and seniors struggled toward exemptions.

And though these minutes in between seemed far more important, classes too underwent some changes. An increasing number of classes were offered; these in-

cluded SAT prep and additional creative writing classes. The "firsts" continued as well, as second and third year writing students put out a literary magazine.

Though even more alterations are expected next year, (the first bell may ring at 7:55), the core always stays solid, and in the end, it's all a matter of fact.

Kate Lotts

Academics

Have you read The Crucible, Romeo and Juliet, Lord of the Flies, or Hamlet? If your answer is yes, then you have taken a high school English class. To better student's writing skills, a new system of writing across the curriculum was adopted. This system used "Focus Correction Areas" to demonstrate subject knowledge, and to increase awareness of writing skills. These "FCAs" required students to skip lines and focus on a few specific areas, designated by the teacher. "FCA's and the new writing system are designed to make all English classes equal. The county put it in to raise test scores" said Tracy Robertson, the English Department Chair. Some students disliked it however. "All the system has done is screw up my English grade," said Wade Todd. English has changed throughout time from early English, to middle English and finally modern English, what is next?

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"Math teaches you to think logically, and not just accept what people tell you at face value," said math teacher Joan Rowe. In addition to just learning the curriculum, the math department sponsored the Virginia Math League Tests each month.

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Destruction, Murder, Revolution and laws are synonymous with history. History classes gave students an understanding of different governmental structures and the interactions between them. "The department head is still insane, maybe the Armageddon police will knock on my door this year," said Joel Dexter. Several activities outside of school were open to all history students during the year. These included an archeology dig where students were encouraged to play in the dirt, and they also ran the nation wide mock election drive, a program where students voted to determine their choices in the election. In addition, they participated in

the Mock Products Contest, where students designed their own products and marketed them. And as Kearney Vertner said, "Those who forget history are bound to repeat it later." The next generation of students will have more history to learn.

Do It Again Everyone's Set Classes

Lets all get together and graph a quadratic equation! Some people cringe at this comment whereas others are excited. "There is nothing like the feeling of accomplishment, when you finally understand a concept you have spent hours on late into the night," said junior Jerome Holman. Math is a building block class, meaning all classes have a prerequisite, so two math classes should not be taken at one time.

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Jerome Holman

If you smell a noxious odor in the hallway, it may not be another stink bomb, it could be the science department. The smell of burning sulfur from chemistry blends with the preserved animals sitting in vertebrate anatomy creating different types of smells. Science classes had pets that were taken care of by the students and teachers. The "pets" were unique to this department, containing a plethora ranging from ferrets to snakes. Opinion differed drastically over these "pets" and their appearances in the classroom. "[The ferret, Darwin] is so cute scurrying across the floor playing with the balloon" said Julie Lambert, an earth science and biology teacher. However, Jason Keith simply saw the ferret as a "stretched rat". In addition, the department also planned a trip to Virginia's part of the Chesapeake Bay and a trip to Hawaii. The Hawaii trip gave students the opportunity to dive in and see the surrounding sea life up close.

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Vanessa Garbini paints Amy Smith's hand in Kathy Hoof's senior English class. They painted each others hands after their study of Indian short stories. As part of Indian culture, hand painting is done for significant events.

Kathy Hoof Photo

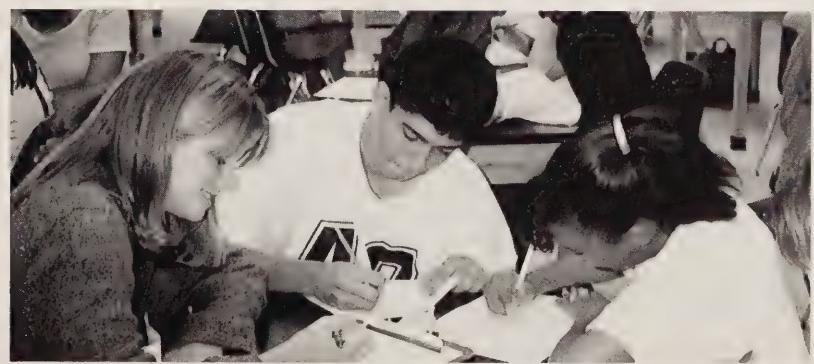
Sarah Davis reads the textbook to understand the substance she holds in her hand during a lab. Groups of two to four people were put together to share materials during labs and work on problems in some science classes.

Jason Consalino Photo



By

RICHARD LANING



Tamra Judah sits at her desk in Integrated Mathematics copying notes and practice problems off of the overhead. The class learned about proportions, cross multiplication and various other subjects throughout the course.

Jason Consalino Photo

Karen Nelson, Brianne Tinsley and Saad Reza sit in their science classroom completing post-lab notes. Both labs and class discussions were used to supplement book work and lectures and further students overall knowledge.

Richard Laning Photo

Matt Kidd launches his self-made raft that his group prepared in Tracy Robertson's tenth grade English Class. This activity was completed in conjunction with the reading of Mark Twain's, *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.

Kate Sauvain Photo

Siesta, anyone? Spanish students celebrated different Spanish holidays in the classroom. On the Day of the Dead, which is when the Spanish honor their deceased loved ones by having a picnic in the cemetery, students ate Pan de Muerto or "Dead Bread." Another cause for celebration was Cinco de Mayo, the day which commemorates Spain's independence from France.

A Aside from the cultural aspects of the language, students also focused on the speaking and writing of the language itself. "We hope to increase students' communication skills through conversation and writing in order to prepare them for jobs in the twenty-first century, when communication will be the key for success," said Spanish teacher Nancy Thompson. A combination of Spanish culture and grammar were used in the classroom in order to create a full range of experiences.

"This community is very supportive of Latin. It is really special to be in a place where the value of the Latin language is recognized," said Donna Dollings. Latin classes concentrated on translating poetry and literary analysis of the poems. Classes focused on poets such as Virgil, Ovid and Catullus. "Latin is fun and easy and is very helpful if you've already taken another language," said Nona Lee. Latin classes also played Cretamen. This game is similar to Battle of the Brains, but includes Latin and Greek questions.

Latin classes also had several in-class celebrations during the year. In December, classes celebrated Saturnalia. This holiday is similar to Christmas, and to

celebrate, Latin students dressed in togas, played games and ate food. In April, classes celebrated Rome's birthday. This party included the Mr. and Ms. Rome contest. Although Latin is no longer spoken, students brought the language to life.

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F "Having French students in our classes will show us that all our hard work in learning the language really does have a purpose," said Linda Davidson, head of the foreign language department. French students had experiences in learning from French exchange students as well as in teaching others French. Foreign exchange students attended both James River and Midlothian High School in the early fall. In turn, French students then visited France in the spring. Students who participated in Foreign Language in Elementary Schools (FLES) had the opportunity to teach younger children about the French language.

H At the end of the school year, the French department held their annual end-of-the-year awards dinner where students tasted French cuisine. Through these activities French students were able to apply what they learned in the classroom.

"The foreign language classroom can never match the experience of living among the people in the country where the language is spoken," said German teacher Kathy Scott. During August, six students stayed with families in Germany.

In early October, twelve students from Germany attended school with their American hosts. Their trip to the U.S. included a visit to Washington D.C., white water rafting on the James and a mall scavenger hunt.

They also attended homecoming with their host students. "It was a fun experience which I'll remember forever. I learned a lot about people, and it made me realize how much I still have to learn about the German language," said junior Erin McAlister.

In the classroom itself, German students focused on the interpretation and reading of the language. Both in and out of the classroom, German students used their knowledge of the language.

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"Having French students in our class will show us all of our hard work in learning the language really does have a purpose!"

Linda Davidson



Senior Josh Honeycutt boldly shows his love for the Spanish language through dance. Spanish classes took time out from class to do the Macarena, a dance done to a Spanish song, which became popular during the summer. *Gracie Hudert Photo*

Linda Davidson helps Sabrina Amos, Amy Cowen and Jessica New learn the conjugation of regular verbs in French. Props, such as these flashcards, helped first year students memorize correct verb usage. *Gracie Hudert Photo*



By
CARA WOLFE



Amie Wanveer and Shelley Smith translate a passage from a Latin book. Students read and translated poetry to increase their knowledge of Roman Literature. They also played games such as Cretamen. *Gracie Hudert Photo*

Latoya Blount, James Chiu and Amy Cowen practice ordering drinks in French during Linda Davidson's class. French I classes often used skits, songs and games to further their articulation of the French language. *Cara Wolfe Photo*

George Utt, Brad Dougherty, Will Baker and Ryan Abrahamsen describe posters in German. German I classes learned basic vocabulary usage, geography, culture, the conjugation of verbs, and pronunciation. *Gracie Hudert Photo*



The choruses filled the performing arts corridor with sounds of singing students. Two new choirs contributed to those sounds, Chamber Ensemble and Jazzy Ladies.

Chamber performed songs such as the Latin pieces "Ubi Caritas" and "Psallite". When asked about Chamber, junior Sarah Davies said, "They were amazing, the pieces they sang were tough and they did beautifully!"

Jazzy Ladies consisted of tenth through twelfth grade girls. Because they were a new choir they needed an original outfit. Robin Moore-Raful, their teacher, said that the long black skirts and the sequined halter vests were "sophisticated looking."

The Jazzy Ladies' first performance alone was at the Christmas concert in December. Their show included such classics as "Jingle Bells" and "Silent Night."

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Sarah Davies

If you walked into the auditorium during third period this year you may have seen a group of students dancing on stage. Don't worry, they were supposed to be there. They were one of the show choirs called Current Edition.

In the Christmas concert they sang "Out There," "Higher," "A Lovely Day For A Walk," "Love The One Your With," and "A Secretary Is Not A Toy."

They also travelled with Anything Goes, Chamber Ensemble, and Jazzy Ladies to the March Joint Concert with Robious Middle School, the Hampton Roads Jazz Show Choir Festival, the District 3 Choral Festival, the JMU Jazz Show Choir Festival.

"We had to stay after school for four hours," said sophomore Jared Cook. To practice for all of their shows and concerts Current Edition members had to stay after school and come to the school on weekends to perfect their dance steps.

SWEET MUSIC CHORUS FILLS THE HALLS

Anything goes, is that right? Some said that they were a class full of sisters. In fact, junior Allison Johnson said, "We are a class full of sisters, that's why we perform so well together." They were truly sisters... secret sisters. In the beginning of the year they all drew names out of a bucket decorated with music notes. Their job was to find the funniest thing possible for their secret sis to do. One thing to do was to make up verses and choreography to "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" and then to teach it to the class. Lindsay Messer was the recipient of that task. "How does stuffing your face with as many marshmallows as possible sound?" asked Emily Grimes. She ended with a record of three marshmallows. Jamie Barrack said the reason for this was to "let the girls bond before the tedious task of learning choreography for the show."

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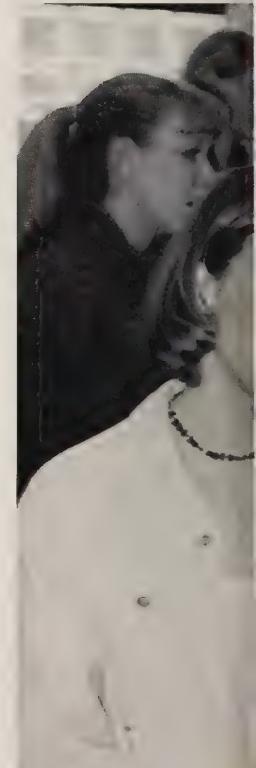
As you walk towards the chorus hall you may hear a harmony of voices. No, it wasn't Current Edition or Anything Goes, it was the Girls Ensemble and the Advanced Mixed Choruses.

The Girls Ensemble was made up of ninth grade girls only. These students sang "Requiem" and "Dutch Jubill," in the Christmas concert.

"I really enjoy chorus class and I think that Mr. Barrack is an excellent teacher," said Amanda Ackman about her Advanced Mixed chorus class.

Besides teaching the Advanced Mixed, Jamie Barrack also taught one of the award winning show choirs, Anything Goes.

The Advanced Mixed Chorus class was made up of boys and girls in all grades, except ninth grade girls. This year in the Christmas concert they sang "Let it Go Forth," and "Leroy the Redneck Reindeer."





Amie Wanveer practices "Rhythm of the Night" in her Anything Goes chorus class. The girls performed their show as did the rest of the choruses at the Winter Concert. The girls also sang "The Carol of the Bells" at the concert.
Hope Baker Photo

Anything Goes practices for the singing of the National Anthem at the Homecoming game. There were thirty-nine girls in the choir. They competed many times, but Homecoming was a less formal concert.
Hope Baker Photo

At their fall concert, the two show choirs, Anything Goes and Current Edition, showed off their new performance outfits. Along with the other choirs Jazzy Ladies and Chamber Ensemble also got new outfits. *Almitra Corey Photo*



By
MELISSA HAAKE
&
JILL LEECH

"Being part of the band enabled me to participate in an excellent music program and have fun while learning a great deal about music," said senior Chris Bernhardt. In band students learn the basics of music and the basis of skills, which is also called Music Theory. Music Theory helped the students to understand the music and to play better. "Symphonic Band gives me the opportunity to apply the skills that I learn to the music that I play. It also helps me to understand the music that I play better and more clearly," said junior Melissa Stubbs. Band class also gave students the opportunity to concentrate on a non-academic class during school hours, which for students relieved the many stresses of the everyday normal academic schedule. The band practiced after school before their concerts. Along with the other music groups, they played concerts during school.

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Patti Newman

The Wind Ensemble band consisted of all marching band members. During class the band went outside to practice marching and music for their show. Class time also gave band instructor Patti Newman a chance to work with the instrumental sections individually. The different sections consisted of brass, woodwind, and percussion. "I am honored to have been able to work with such a talented group of students who are hard workers and dedicated to the band. The band is very proud of the accomplishments and the goals that they had set and achieved this year. We have a very positive outlook on the years to come" said Patti Newman. One of the most honorable achievements that a band program can accomplish is being named a Virginia State Honor Band. The bands were named a Virginia Honor Band for the third straight year. They played at competitions and football games throughout the fall, in addition to their concerts.

MUSIC TO THE EARS BAND AND ORCHESTRA STRIKE UP A TUNE

Concert band allowed students to participate in entry band. Students had the opportunity to try out for All County, All District, and All State bands. In the solo auditions students must play a prepared piece of music, cite read and play all major scales. "Having the opportunity to be in the All County band is a great honor and lots of fun," said sophomore Isaac Lindbloom. The Concert Band gave students the opportunity to play in an intermediate band class.

At the beginning of class students warmed and tuned their instruments to prepare for class. Class time was a time for students to cite-read music and rehearse for upcoming concerts. "I am glad that I still have two more good years to play in the band," said Crissy Beamer.

Concert Band was both the largest band and class in the school with approximately 60 members offering four concerts during the year.

Orchestra teacher, Jill Foster, helps to teach students precision and excellence while they play music. For some orchestra members, being in a smaller classroom setting was a helpful switch from the normal everyday class. "I like orchestra because the class is small, and I get to practice something I love doing during school," said sophomore Teresa Feher. The orchestra students practiced during and after school for concerts and festivals during the year. "Orchestra class was very fun and gave me the opportunity to be in a different academic environment because the class was small and gave our teacher a chance to work with us individually," said sophomore Andrew Everton. The orchestra class played at many

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festivals this year and achieved many honorable awards. "We are very proud of the many goals that we have achieved and the many honors that we have been honored with this year," said Feher.

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During the fall sports and Homecoming pep rally the marching band gets the students excited. The band played upbeat music to get the crowd pumped up and excited about the approaching Homecoming activities. *Kathy Hoof Photo*

Sophomores Austin Stracke and Sarah Davis, as well as junior Ashley Shaw warm up their instruments in order to have good pitch while practicing. It was imperative to sound good in order to win festivals. *Kelly Davis Photo*



By
BETH MOON
&
KELLY DAVIS



Senior Robert Jones and junior Jimmy Gill play a duet during the Christmas in-school assembly. They were part of the jazz band. Jazz Band was made up of students from the larger bands, but it required an audition to be eligible. *Almitra Corey Photo*

Freshman Tripp Wray and sophomores Brian Mahne and Clarke Norton set the tempo in the piece of music "The Winter Festival". The Symphonic Band played this piece and other seasonal songs at their winter concert. *Kelly Davis Photo*

Senior Simone Cade and sophomore David Blanchard take a rest between songs at the Christmas concert. At the concert, all the bands and orchestra played music to get everyone into the holiday spirit. *Almitra Corey Photo*



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What exactly is the goal of the business department? "To teach students how to use computers for anything, and to keep them up to date with computer technology," said Linda Lester. There were many different areas of computer technology. First, there was Keyboarding, the beginning of understanding the demand of computers in today's world. "It helps me to prepare for college courses," said junior Ashley Shaw. The next course taken by a student that would want to advance was Business Computer Application (BCA). Students learned how to start spread sheets, and how to convert pictures onto a printout.

Next students advanced to

Desktop Publishing, where they learned the basics of business advertising by creating pamphlets, flyers, and business cards. "I enjoy this class because it helps me prepare for a business career," said junior Jenny Sykes.

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Jenny Sykes

The business department did not just deal with computers. We also offered a Fashion Merchandising class to develop interests in fashion marketing and a good look into the exciting world of apparel accessories," said Julie Moore. Throughout the year the students displayed their work and conducted a fashion show for the student body. The fashion show was put on during the prom season. The dresses and tuxedos were donated by Unforgettable on Midlothian Turnpike. They displayed all different fashionable varieties. Dresses ranged from long and slim to short and revealing. The students put on this fashion show themselves to help their classmates get an idea for what

was hot for the prom season. They wanted to model ideas for Post Prom because they had not done prom fashions in previous years. "The fashion show helped upperclassmen with an idea for the all night occasion," said Christi Moses.

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Not only did the business department offer computer or fashion courses, it also taught home management skills. Some topics offered were Child Development, Personal Development, Child Professions and Contemporary Living (which was only open to seniors). "I took this course to get a chance to work with a variety of students," said junior Kelly McKafee. The Child Development class had an education partnership with Betty Weaver and the students were allowed to interact with the teachers and lead classes. "This helps me learn how to manage a family life," said sophomore Ginny Holt. Students in the Personal Development class learned things such as money and time management, how to conserve food in the household, and smart buys on clothes. The Contemporary Living class had a pumpkin carving contest during the Halloween season. They also had a Mock Wedding in the spring.

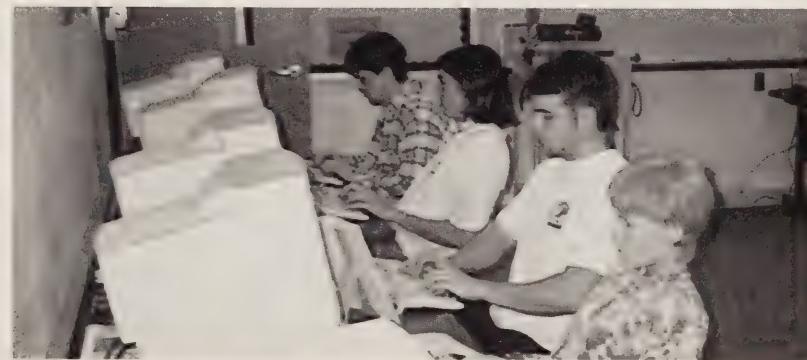
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The highest business course a student could take was Artificial Intelligence. Senior Katie Wagoner said, "I'm mainly taking this course for college preparation, and its also fun." Students in the class learned new computer software including Microsoft Office, which includes Power point, Excel, Word and Access. This class learned advanced software and advanced programming. It was a fast paced class in which students received honors credit. "I took this class for the honors credit and because Mrs. Lester is my teacher," said senior Thomas Benton. The students learned how to begin programs first semester, and they designed their own programs in the second semester. Later in the year they created multimedia slide shows about

their favorite children's stories. The program used for the multimedia slide shows was Visual Basic 3.0. "The students enjoy working together and learning more about computer software and how to use them to the extent," said Linda Lester.

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David Guion stares at his computer monitor while researching. Students used the library server for their research in Artificial Intelligence. They also used the computers in the classroom to create projects and presentations. *Barrett Wright Photo.*

Anya Helfrich, Micheal Cannady, and Joey Fisher work on their programs in Artificial Intelligence. Students had plenty of class time to work on their project. They had many different ways of researching for information. *Barrett Wright Photo.*

Jason Meador rolls the dough in Home Economics. The students made fresh pretzels and other mouth watering items in class. Later in the year students leaned how to prepare gourmet foods for the faculty. *Kathy Hoof Photo.*

Katie Bannon works on a timed typing assignment. Keyboarding students learned the basics of the computer. They also did timed assignments for a possible grade. Students also prepared for college essays in this class. *Barrett Wright Photo.*

Jo Vaden helps Kevin Swann with his multimedia program. Students concentrated on their programs during classes. Students looked at Artificial Intelligence as a college course, for they earned honors credit. *Barrett Wright Photo.*



By

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From pen and ink to markers and watercolor, students learned various ways to design their projects in art classes this year. Students enrolled in art classes to learn basic drawing, contouring, and color scheme. Laura Wright's classes did everything from freehand drawings, to specifically designed projects, which had to meet certain criteria. Students learned the basics of art and how to express themselves in an artistic manner in Tracy Weldon's classes. Frank Constanzer taught his students how to do still life drawings, portraits, and many other artistic talents.

Art Classes ranged from basic Art I and Art II, to Art III, IV, and V. The III, IV, and V classes were mixed together. Students who took Art classes for honors credit were also mixed in with basic Art III, IV, and V. The advanced students often helped the regular Art I, II, and III students in class with their projects.

The drama classes this year expanded. This year Drina Kay taught Theater I classes, along with mixed theater II, III, and IV classes. She also taught a theater production class with a few production II and III students mixed together.

In the theater one class, students learned some basic theater skills such as stage presence, warm up exercises, the parts of the stage, and they performed and composed small skits. The students also spent time learning to apply stage make up and fake facial hair.

The theater production classes not only learned how to work behind the scenes of plays, but they also designed the sets for

the drama department productions. Theater Production III student, Paul Frydrychowski said, "A couple other guys and I think out set design and work on that stuff while the Production I kids are taking notes with Mrs. Kay."

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With the addition of the newest computer technology in the Wood Technology class, carving and sanding became much easier and more time efficient this year. Dan Conrad taught his students in the Wood Shop room how to apply computer skills to manufacturing items from foot stools to clocks. Conrad taught three different classes in all, including Materials and Processing, Manufacturing and Construction, and Product Systems. Vatel Dixon also taught Materials and Processing in the Wood Shop along with Basic Technical Drawing, Engineer Drawing, and Architectural Drawing in the Drafting Room. His most popular class was basic technical drawing. "I'm really glad I took the class, because I re-

ally want to take Architectural Drawing so I have to take this first," said junior Taryn Sheppard. By the end of the course students had learned a new trade and all had produced many new projects.

It was a race to see who got into the Photography classes this year. Juniors who had tried to get in and been denied for the past two years were finally accepted. Frank Constanzer and Barbara Rothenburg's Photo I classes were jam packed, consisting mostly of juniors but a few sophomores were also let in.

In Photo I the requirements were to have a 35mm camera and print paper. Students were taught how to operate the cameras, about the history of photography, how to use the enlargers and chemicals in the darkroom, and how to make photograms. Making pinhole cameras was another big part of Photo I. In Photo II and III students got more experimental with developing and coloring pictures. They could

use items such as colored markers and watercolors to paint pictures, and students could also manipulate the enlarger to change the textures and sizes of their pictures and projects.

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Cameron Ralston concentrates on his lettering for Technical Drawing. "I like Technical Drawing, but having to be so precise gets frustrating sometimes," said Ralston. Students had to make perfect lettering and lines.

Almitra Corey Photo

Katie Beatty unrolls her film during Photo class. After unrolling the film, the students then loaded negatives to be developed. Much of the class period was spent choosing negatives and developing pictures in the darkroom.

Almitra Corey Photo



By

ALMITRA COREY

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ROBIN GLASCO



Cameron Piper and Nicole Rempkowski practice acting out each other's mirror images during class. In Drama classes the students always used warm up exercises such as this to get ready for class.

Prissy Gonzalez Photo

Joey Cassell cuts a board in the wood shop. Students in Wood Shop class made many projects from scratch, such as foot stools, clocks, and shelves. Wood Shop students had to be very careful with the machines.

Almitra Corey Photo

Betsy Amburn works to finish her drawing on time during Art class. "We do more projects in Art III, and finally cut down on Art History," said Amburn. Projects also gave students a way to express their feelings through art.

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"I love teaching the new curriculum, it's enjoyable which makes it easier to teach," said Racheal Mead." Health teachers taught material in a way which was not only enjoyable for the students but themselves as well. Students learned about nutrition, fitness, alcohol, and first aid through projects and textbooks. Some of the projects they completed were debates on tobacco and alcohol, charts showing what they ate for one week of the course and making their own first aid kits. The goals of the freshman health classes were to learn how to eat well and to develop a better understanding of themselves. "The seven period schedule made it harder to teach than the four by four because the students came to class once or twice a week and the material was hard to remember," said Mead. All high school students were required to take freshman and sophomore health and P.E. classes.

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After waiting sixteen years, sophomores finally can get their licenses after taking driver's ed in tenth grade health. Besides the skills required for driving, students also learned about drugs, alcohol and how to incorporate what they have learned about personal fitness into their lives. These "fitness plans" were taught to the students to be used later in life when they are older and need to pay more attention to their health.

Police officers came to these classes and handcuffed sophomores giving them the opportunity to walk in the shoes of someone who had been arrested.

"This year, because of the alternating day schedule, sophomores who turn sixteen before the end of the semester will not be able to get their license because we will still be teaching the driver's ed curriculum," said Kevin Powers. If students found this to be a problem, they could take driver's education privately out of school.

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LEARNING FOR A LIFETIME CLASSES LEARN THE VALUE OF FITNESS

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"Begin your warm up, you know what the exercise is." Running, walking, stretching, and jumping rope were just some of the exercises done in P.E. These were required warm-ups, done everyday so students could stay in shape and learn to improve their physical fitness levels. "My feelings are that without this everything is secondary, no matter how much money you have, if you are not healthy then you can't use either," said coach Frank Jenkins. In P.E. students played sports, described as lifetime sports. These are sports that a person can play for the rest of his or her life without involving that much intensity. The lifetime sports played by the P.E. students were golf, volleyball, and racquet sports.

"I think lifetime sports are very important because as you get older you need to do other sports and not just sports that involve high intensity," said Racheal Mead.

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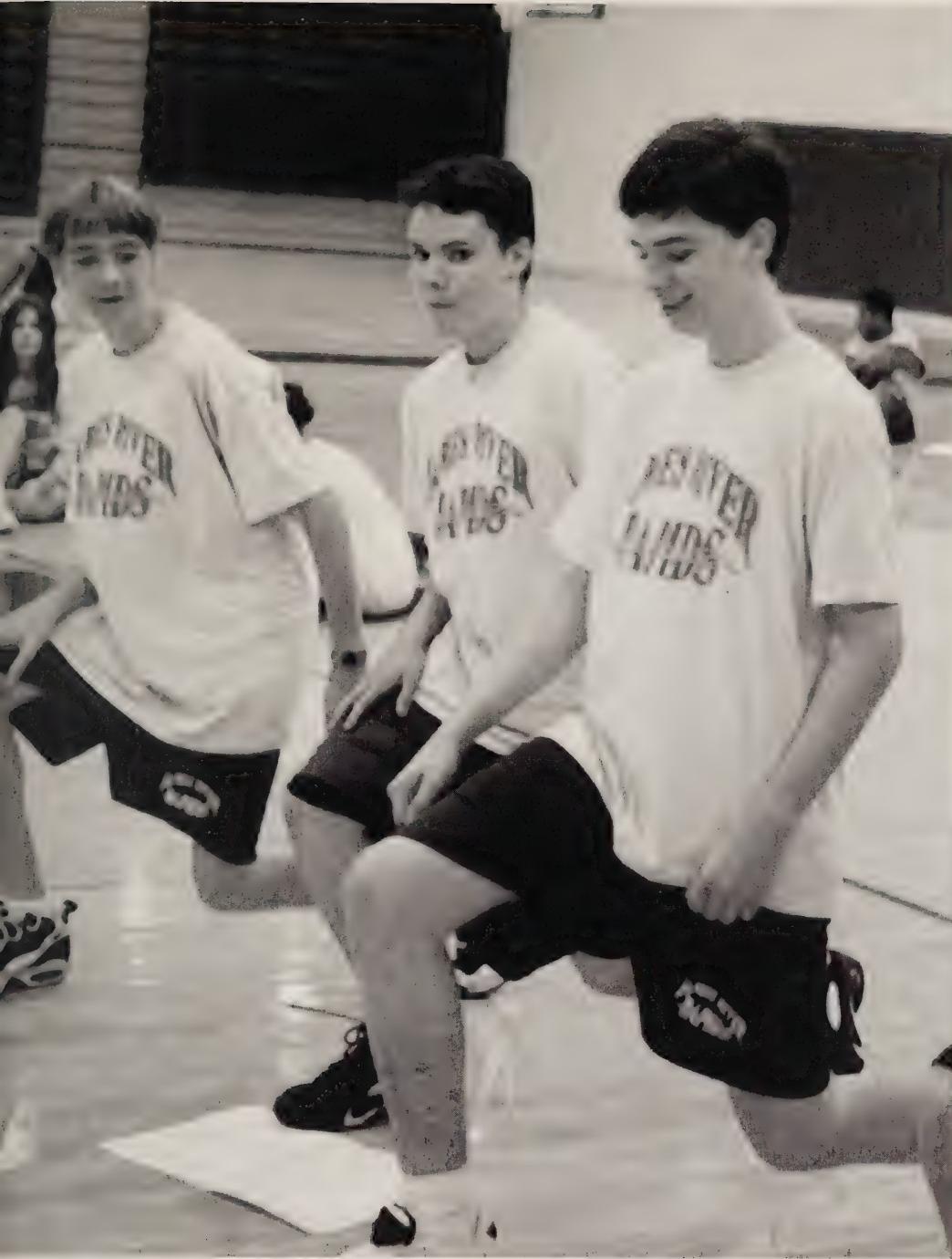
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"Advanced P.E. is really great because it helps me relieve stress when we play cool sports and go on field trips because my classes are tough," said senior Bill Tucker. In order to take this class, students must have completed the required P.E. classes.

Bowling, karate horse back riding. Oh my!" As an elective offered to juniors and seniors, advanced physical education taught a variety of sports not available in previous P.E. classes. As a new part of the course this year, students went to Keswick Farms where they learned how to ride and care for the horses. The curriculum also included learning how to ice skate, bowl and rope climb. In fact, the Advanced P.E. classes went on a field trip to Camp Baker where they became familiar with the skills and techniques of rope climbing.

For juniors and seniors taking several academic classes, Advanced P.E. offered relief from their work load. "Advanced P.E. is really great because it helps me relieve stress when we



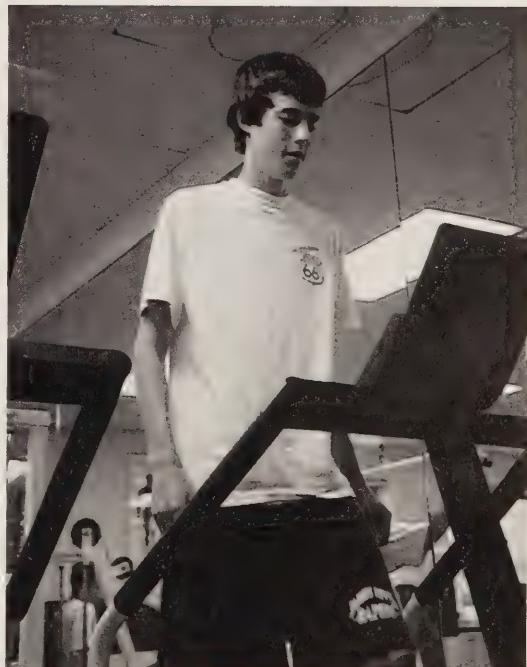


Robert McKinley, Will Kain, and Paul Fleming concentrate on their quad muscles as they do deep knee lunges. Students warmed-up before they began the sport of the day. Stretches helped to prevent injuries and prepare for the sports. *Kaiser Virani Photo*

John Ellis uses his time in class to catch up on some reading concerning the effects of smoking on the lung tissue. Students in ninth grade health focused on tobacco use and the importance of abstaining from it. *Kaiser Virani Photo*



By
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Practicing on his technique, Brandon Jackson learns the basics of the golf swing. In Kevin Powers' tenth grade P.E. class, golf was one of the sports that the students learned that is considered a "lifetime sport." *Maren Riehm Photo*

Laura Dieglemann uses her arms for balance as she makes her way across a log, confronting her initial fear to be up that high. Besides learning the high ropes course, students also improved their balance and precision on the trip. *Jason Conzalino Photo*

In Terry Sue Gault's tenth grade P.E. class, Matt Goldstein warms up on the stepper in the weight room. Students would then take their heart rates in order to gain a better understanding of the importance of personal fitness. *Maren Riehm Photo*



What Really Matters?



Four...three...two...one...BEEP! It's 1:45. You've got just enough time to make a quick trip to your locker before you make your way to home sweet home. But wait, you promised you'd help with the Key Club paper recycling... and learn new choreography with Anything Goes. Good-bye to after school freedom and welcome to the wonderful world of clubs and activities. You're surrounded by them. Look in the halls, in your student planner, or even... on your college applications.

The reason students join clubs is not because they enjoy forking ten dollars up for dues or because they can't go another day without being forced to sell entertainment books, but because they really enjoy doing something good for

their community. From building parks to helping out at the Richmond Children's Festival, it's hard to resist lending a hand. "It's not just Key Club and Interact anymore," said sophomore Becky Rhinehart, "all of the clubs in the school are strengthening the heart of our community."

Take a look around. It's not hard to see how diverse our school is. We have everything from the up-

tight overachiever to total slackers. So why conform to the officer you're not? Hit the grey area and do the Kim Klompus thing, "Students can join many clubs and experience all the great stuff without having to totally dedicate themselves to one club." After all, having fun is what really matters.

Emily May

Activities and Clubs

Members of ME gather for a group picture with the members of the Zambian Boys Choir. The choir spent all day at school. At lunch they autographed pictures and sold CDs of their music. *Monie Bonaparte Photo*

Dr. Emanuel Amobi from Virginia State University was the guest speaker during the Brotherhood assembly. He spoke about the importance of diversity. Dr. Amobi is a native of Africa. *Monie Bonaparte Photo*



The officers of ME met the first Wednesday of each month in order to plan and organize activities. President Mike Farmer said, "We have had a good group of people in ME this year, and the activities were a success due to the participation of the members." ME conducted various fundraising events throughout the year to sponsor activities. "I was happy to see the increased involvement with fundraising for this year's activities," said treasurer Casie Williams. *Monie Bonaparte Photo*

ME members patiently await the start of the assembly. It began with the welcoming of the choir to our school and country. To show their appreciation of what this country has done for them, they sang the National Anthem. "I enjoy traveling the U.S. All the people are so friendly," said one of the choir members. The Zambian choir spent the whole school day with us. They ate lunch and autographed pictures, along with selling cassette tapes and CDs of some of their music. *Monie Bonaparte Photo*

UNITY THROUGH DIVERSITY

BY: MONIE BONAPARTE AND SABEEN REZA

ME stands for Minority Expressions with Distinctions and is made up of minority students trying to promote understanding of different races and cultures. Groups such as the Zambian Boys' Choir, who traveled from Africa to perform throughout the United States, showed students a culture otherwise unknown to them. Sophomore Jenese Reid said, "I really enjoyed the whole experience of the Zambian Boy's Choir. We made new friends from another country. Another activity which encouraged awareness and appreciation of cultural differences was ME's annual Brotherhood assembly. The guests for this year's assembly were Dr. Emmanuel Amobi, professor at Virginia State University and the Ettigi Fine Arts Academy



Principal Patricia Lancaster shares a special moment with a Zambian guest. Lancaster started ME and has been the advisor for 3 years. Lancaster enjoys being the leading advisor for the club. She provides guidance and suggestions. "The Zambian Choir visiting our school was good exposure for both our students and the boys," said Lancaster. *Monie Bonaparte Photo*

Dancers who performed traditional Indian dances. "The Brotherhood assembly was very interesting, and I enjoyed the speaker because he made some very good points. The dancers were very good also," said junior Lindsay Mosby.

A goal of ME was to educate its own members about choices for the future and for themselves as well as respecting others. This was apparent even to those who were not a part of the organization. Amanda Pollard said, "I'm not in ME or anything, but I think what they are doing is really great to bring people together." ME's message was that in order to truly understand oneself, one must gain knowledge and understanding of others.



The Ettigi Fine Arts Academy Dancers were the guest performers at the Brotherhood Assembly. The family does performances all over the state. The owner, Uma Ettigi, enjoys being involved with her daughters Ranjini and Sarini when they perform. Ettigi enjoys teaching because it educates others about the culture of the traditional Indian dance, which is characterized by vigorous, fast paced foot steps and the use of the whole body. *Monie Bonaparte Photo*

Senior Nitoya Jefferson and junior Monie Bonaparte stop to share last memories of the day and wish the boys good luck with their next performance. "The choir was great, all the boys were cute and friendly. I really enjoyed them," said Jefferson. Some of the Zambian boys still keep in touch with members of ME. They write letters and send pictures. "I was so excited when I received a letter from one of the boys. I thought they had forgotten us," said Leslie Shelton. *Patricia Lancaster Photo*

MINORITY
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Senior Erin Waller converses with sophomores Ryan Casey and Kenny Bevan in the fall production of Arsenic and Old Lace. The actors worked every day after school for months to prepare for the performance. *Lifetouch Photo*

Sophomore Brendan Hoyle plays a homeless war veteran in the "Entire Sad Truth." This was one of the many roles he played during the One Act Festival. With so many roles Hoyle said that it got to be a little hectic. *Drina Kay Photo*



Sophomore Mike Karakashian and freshman Hale Schneider act out in their first high school play. The two spent a lot of time in the make up chair for their performances in the fall production of Arsenic and Old Lace. Senior Erin Waller and junior Katie Bates spent an equal amount of time in the make up chair transforming into old women for the play. The two have done other plays before, so they were more experienced and knew what to expect. *Lifetouch Photo*

Ben Elliott measures and saws part of the set for a play during theater production class. Students taking this class spent most of their time building the sets for each of the plays as well as setting up for them. Actors not only practiced after school they also helped with the publicity and set production. Spending so much time on the overall production of the play paid off when the audience enjoyed the show. *Almitra Corey Photo*

PLAYING AROUND

BY: ALMITRA COREY AND CRYSTAL PRITCHARD

The Drama Club put on "Arsenic and Old Lace" as their fall production. The play was about two old women who poisoned lonely old men and put them in their cellar. Senior Erin Waller said, "This role was different from other roles I had because I played an old lady." They spent about two months working on this play. Junior Katie Bates, who played the other old woman, said, "Being in the play was long and tiring but a fun and exciting experience." The Drama Club's next production was the annual Winter One Act Festival.

In the festival there were many short plays and two long ones. The two longer plays were directed by Hutch Hill and Brad Baker. The rest of the skits and monologues were done by the actors themselves. There was a



Junior Tammy Ford portrayed the Angel of Death in "Reciprocal." Ford said, "I liked playing the Angel of Death. It was kind of exciting." She spent approximately twenty-five minutes before each production putting on her makeup to transform into the devilish angel. The fake blood and scars were made from gelatin and food coloring. *Drina Kay Photo*

magic act done, two monologues and three short skits. Many students performed in more than one play. One such student was Brendan Hoyle who said, "It was fun being in four plays but very hard." This was the third year that the drama department has produced a One Act Festival.

In the spring The Drama Club produced The Crucible, a historical look at the Salem Witch trials. Junior Sarah Williams played Sarah Goode in the play. "It was different than most of the comedies that I have done before because this is a kind of factual play." This was the first historical play the Drama Department performed. The actors and everyone involved said that it went really well and there could quite possibly be another one in the future.



Jack Blacketer constructs part of the set for The Crucible during production class. He works backstage on all productions as a member of the stage crew. The students in production class not only built the set, but they also designed it. The production crew works to build the sets for all of the plays. Many other students besides Blacketeer that were in the theater production class were also on the stage crew. *Almitra Corey Photo*

Sophomores Ryan Casey and Brendan Hoyle perform a short skit based on a Monty Python movie about a dead parrot. Both of them performed in several plays in the One Act Festival. Casey said, "The skits were fun to do, but it was hard to learn all the different roles I played." Both had to do their different roles with different accents. The two performed the skit and all of their additional roles with no major mishaps. *Drina Kay Photo*



Caleb Powell, Steven Hsu and Austin Stracke strut their manliness while sporting togas at Latin Convention. Convention gave students a chance to meet other Latin lovers from across the state. *Kinsey Row Photo*

Monsieur Marlow prepares a "Bouch de Noel" in celebration of Christmas for French Club members. When it was finished, members got to taste the customary dessert that is loved by the French. *Emily May Photo*



Kristy Rodriguez and Stephanie Bowman check out their menus at La Siesta, trying to decide what Mexican entree they are going to have for dinner. The trip gave members a chance to get together and speak a little Spanish. Junior Jerome Holman, who attended the event said, "Even if we couldn't travel to a Spanish restaurant, at least we got to pretend we were there during our trip to La Siesta." The trip has become a tradition in Spanish Club. *Jerome Holman Photo*

While chatting with a fellow exchange student, Erin McAlister walks on the mud flats as part of the trip in Germany. The mud flats are located near the North Sea and provided a view of nature to visitors and natives alike. The trip lasted three and a half weeks during the summer, during which students got a chance to go to school with the Germans and learn the culture. "It was a really good experience, and I made a lot of great friends. In fact, I'm going back this summer," said McAlister. *Kathy Scott Photo*

CULTURALLY CORRECT

BY: EMILY MAY

You've been in Richmond for a few too many years, and its beginning to lose its pizzazz. How does France, Germany, Spain or Italy sound?

Dreams of skiing in the Alps and pigging out on french food gave French Club its individualism. For the first year ever, the French Club went on a ski trip to Wintergreen and showed French films such as *Diabolique*. To state it simply, "French Club is exciting because it is like experiencing France without actually going there," said Joe Obi.

This year Rome's 2750th birthday party gave Latin Club members a reason to break out the togas. Also, they took a trip to Italy over spring break. Time out for community service was given with Christmas mother and a read-a-



At Latin Convention, junior Brad Ricks gets a chance to practice a little Latin while eating dinner before the dance begins. "People say that Latin is dead. I say run around for a weekend, wearing a toga, speaking the language and living the Roman life. Then tell me that Latin is dead," said Ricks. Latin members were randomly chosen to go to the convention. *Kinsey Row Photo*.

thon held to raise money for Nicki Patton's bone marrow transplant.

From advent calendars to a trip to Germany, German Club members got a chance to celebrate culture. The advent calendar sale's proceeds went toward the Exchange, held in the summer. Also, members got a chance to practice their glass cutting and paper cutting skills, arts specific to Germany.

Members of Spanish Club got a different taste of culture. Through movies to meals to after school snacks, members got a chance to hablan un poco de espanol. Pinatas were made for Robious Elementary School's celebration of cultures. Joy Nester said, "It was a lot of fun because we got to do something that gets kids involved in Spanish culture."



French Club members James Robertson, Vicki Ellis, Mona Ewees and Rachel Tokarz put together carnations and cards for the Valentine's Day Fund-raiser. Even though the carnation sale wasn't as big of a success as planned, over 125 carnations were sold during lunches. The carnations were delivered to students during first period on Valentine's Day. Proceeds paid for the bus ride to the airport, which was the first part of the French exchange over Spring Break. *Debbie Bartle Photo*

Jacqueline Bailey celebrates the Day of the Dead by dancing to the Macarana in Spanish Club. In many Spanish speaking countries, families hold parties to celebrate those who have died. Members had their own celebration by eating "pan de muertos" and dancing to the beat. Other Spanish holidays included Cinco de Mayo, Navidad and Easter. During the parties, members watched movies and listened to cultural lessons while eating nachos and salsa. *Jerome Holman Photo*

Sarah Anderson, Beth Guedri, Tracie Walker, Katie Burroughs and Travis Jones discuss the arrangements for senior night. They planned to have a slide show, a class history and a talent show that night for entertainment. *Terri Guedri Photo*

Sophomore Vice President Elizabeth McCaskey chats with the sophomore class council at a meeting in Karen DeCicco's room. They discussed planning a dance to raise money for their class. *Sarah Anderson Photo*



Katie Foster, Jeff Lessin, Kendra Horger, Abby Franks, Katie Bierne and Adam Dowdy sit outside of the closed commons taking votes to elect the junior class officers. Once the votes were tallied and the names were announced, the officers met weekly with Linda Boggs to plan and raise money for the prom. They planned for the prom to be at the Richmond Center and arranged for a band to play for entertainment. *Katie Bierne Photo*

Senior class officers Amy Smith and Beth Guedri talk about nominations for senior superlatives with fellow senior Jill Swim. These awards were to be announced at Senior Night and each elected person would receive an award. Categories included such as most athletic, best dressed, best all around, most likely to succeed and best personality. This was to add excitement to Senior Night and to include as many people as possible in the awards. *Sarah Anderson Photo*

HEAD OF THE CLASS

BY: SARAH ANDERSON

From planning parties to graduation, every class had designated traditions to follow and leaders were needed. Each year a set of at least five students were elected to take charge in each grade level.

The freshman for the first time had officers. The president, Andrea Roberson, and the other officers worked together to raise money for their class.

The sophomore officers, led by Tiffiny Lyons, were sponsored by Karen DeCicco and Laura Bruch. Each Tuesday they met to organize class events, especially the ordering of class rings. They planned car washes and held the Valentine's Day chocolate sale.

Jeff Lessin was voted to serve as the class of 1998's president. He, along with Abbie Franks, Kendra



Kendra Horger concentrates on making stickers to boost her campaign. She was elected to serve with the junior officers and Linda Boggs for prom. The prom was held at the Richmond Center and the theme was announced only one week from the dance. Horger said, "It has been a lot of hard work, but I had a lot of fun getting to work on this big project." *Katie Bierne Photo*

Horger and Katie Bierne were dedicated to planning fund raisers for the senior prom. First, they had to raise money to support the costs of the prom. They reserved the Richmond Center and decorated it. Lessin said, "It was hard thinking of our theme, but we were sure that everyone would like it."

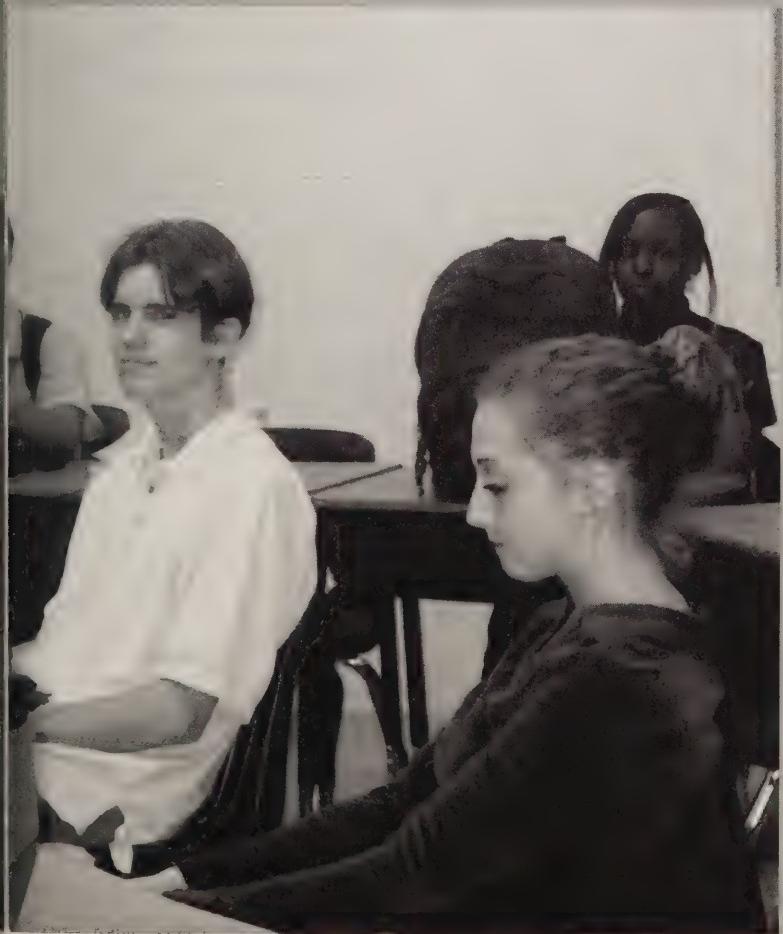
The senior class officers worked throughout the year meeting weekly. Travis Jones, Katie Burroughs, Tracie Walker, Amy Smith, Beth Guedri and Sarah Anderson met with sponsors Harriet Meader and Terry Guedri. They organized the Annabel Lee outing, Senior Night, the Senior Picnic, graduation and worked to get senior privileges approved by the administration.



The senior class leaders Katie Burroughs, the vice president, and Travis Jones, the president, sell Mansi Shah an Annabel Lee ticket. Tickets were sold half-price during all lunches for \$7.50 each. The other half of the price was covered by the senior class funds to help boost ticket sales. The price included the boat ride, dancing, two different DJs, dinner and drinks. Over two hundred and fifty tickets were sold altogether. *Sarah Anderson Photo*

Sophomore class council member Marcus Weisner and the Vice President Elizabeth McCaskey talk about the money the class has spent and they decide to sponsor car washes as their main fund raiser. The officers were elected to help the sophomores raise money for next year when they plan prom. *Sarah Anderson Photo*

CLASSES OFFICERS



Interact officers Mary Heath Johnson, Vanessa Wilson, Sara Zambito and Laura Pelletier prepare for their trip around the track during the Homecoming parade. The theme for the parade was based on The Wizard of Oz. *Peggy Hess Photo*

Caroline Lucas makes the finishing touches on Interact's rainbow for the Homecoming Parade. Their float came in second in the competition between clubs to display the most Homecoming school spirit. *Vanessa Wilson Photo*



Seniors Josh Honeycutt and Daniel Kaufman serve some macaroni and cheese at the Magnificent Midlothian Food Festival. Interact's adult counterpart, the Rotary Club sponsored the local event, which was held near the office buildings in Moorefield Park. The festival was held in the evening from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM, and students rotated positions throughout the course of the festival, in order to include as many student volunteers as possible. *Vanessa Wilson Photo*

Senior Steven Hsu, Key Club's interior vice president, sorts through the Computer Dating match-ups before the sale during the week of Valentine's Day. Students could purchase their lists for a dollar to see their compatible dates and friend matches. Results were determined from a previously taken survey. The proceeds from this project were donated to Nicki Patton and Coach Chuck Collins' fight against cancer. *Kendra Horger Photo*

ACTING UP

BY: MAREN RIEHM

Do you want to join a club that gets you involved in both your school and your community? Look into Interact or Key Club. Both of these service clubs participate in and organize activities in the community and school that readily involve students. "Key Club is sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Midlothian and has been around longer, enabling it to be established internationally, whereas Interact is sponsored by the Rotary Club and is not as widespread as Key Club," said Interact sponsor Linda Hanks.

Interact organized the Christmas Dance and the Bachelor Auction and participated in the Magnificent Midlothian Food Festival. "I'm not particularly a club person, but I joined Interact because of all the nice things we do to help



Senior Robin Allanson is presented with a certificate and a prize for the best Halloween costume among Interact club members. Although the whole school was able to dress up for Halloween, Interact had their own Halloween party after school that day. Costumes included a full range of everything from ninjas to hippies to cats. *Vanessa Wilson Photo*

people out," said senior Susan Ruppert. Interact members also got the chance to help out in the Habitat for Humanity Program, where they built a house in Mechanicsville.

Key Club also participated in events geared towards benefiting the local community, as they organized and offered the Computer Dating match up, which students could purchase for a dollar, each with their "ideal" dates and friends on them. "I'm looking forward to building the bridge across the creek this spring," said senior Heather Schultheis, which is intended to help people get across the creek to the trainer easier. Key Club members also attended convention in Norfolk in April, where they discussed Key Club's national projects.



Key Club members Kathleen Eyer, Heather Schultheis, Emily May and Kendra Horger enjoy their dinner at the Key Club Convention. The convention was held at the Omni Riverside Hotel in Norfolk in mid-April. Six students from the Key Club met with other students from around the district to learn tips for organizing a successful Key Club. The convention also included fun events like a charity basketball tournament and a mixer. *Gracie Hudert Photo*

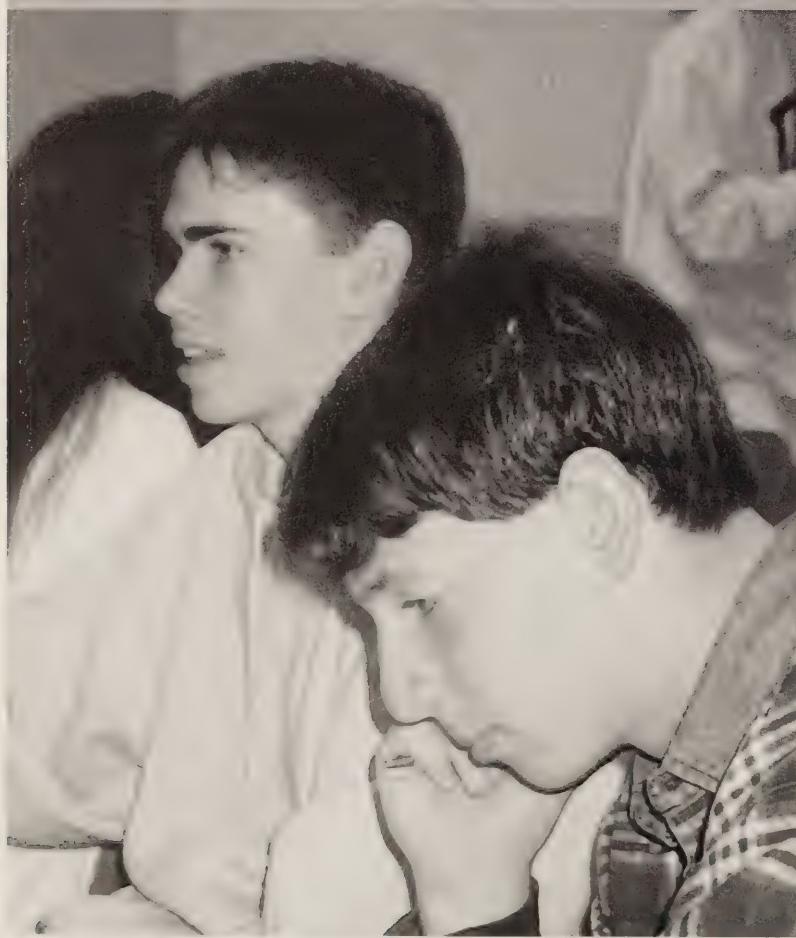
Senior Daniel Harrison lends a helping hand with the construction of the bridge meant to help students make it safely across the creek. As chair of the bridge-building committee, Harrison designed the layout of the bridge. The construction was funded by the Key Club and completed in the spring by members of the club. The bridge was dedicated to all the athletes and the Athletic Department. *Kendra Horger Photo*

KEY CLUB
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Jill Leech crops a picture to use in her spread. Pictures were one of the main focuses of a spread because of the importance of showing active students. After finding a decent picture, Leech had to crop it to make sure it would fit the spread. *Robin Glasco Photo*

Senior Amy Smith takes a break in journalism class to discuss some information that she received from an interview. Journalism students often discussed information from interviews.

Robin Glasco Photo



Yearbook advisor Kathy Hoof works with editors Kim White and Megan Parker while Kevin Hicks from Taylor Publishing is present to help. Throughout the year, Hicks, the representative from Taylor, met with the editors and advisor to discuss questions that they had about the yearbook. He helped them formulate ideas for the cover and endsheets, as well as acting as the liaison between the staff and the publishers, which are located in Dallas, Texas. *Robin Glasco Photo*

Junior Sean McGinty and senior Will Hanzel work together on their story. Students in journalism often preferred to work in pairs when they had numerous stories to do. "It's much easier to work in pairs because then you don't have to do all of the work yourself. It makes it less stressful, you can do a quality job in a quicker time period, and you can focus more on the specifics," said Hanzel. McGinty agreed with the comments by Hanzel. *Robin Glasco Photo*

DREADED DEADLINES

BY: ROBIN GLASCO AND BETH MOON

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Lead by editor in chief Abby Mollen, the journalism class was responsible for a monthly newspaper that was sold to students and faculty. The stories ranged from people's feelings on public displays of affection to stories about top news events. The students in the journalism class were given a chance to choose the topics that they wanted to write about. Then they had to find out facts, interview people and make sure that the story was long enough for the spread. The editors then perfected each spread. Many pictures and drawings by James Robertson were also featured in the paper.

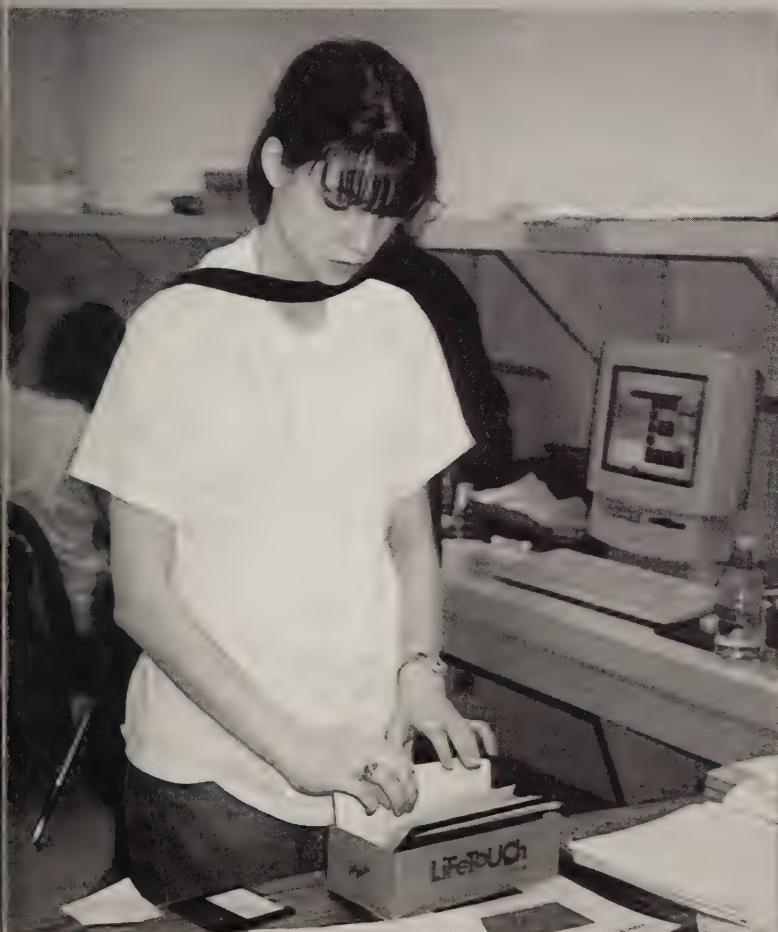
The yearbook staff consisted of members, two editors; seniors Megan Parker and Kim White and



Junior Kelly Davis looks through an old yearbook. Davis was hoping to find out the names of people who were new to the football team or those she did not know. After taking pictures yearbook students were required to find out who was in the picture if they did not already know. Names and grade levels were essentials for caption writing. *Robin Glasco Photo*

advisor Kathy Hoof. Members of the yearbook staff were assigned various stories throughout the year. Among the responsibilities, staff writers were required to interview students and teachers in order to obtain information and get quotes for their stories, take pictures and crop them to fit the layout and compile all the information into the story. "Yearbook takes a lot of hard work and self determination because you only get one deadline to turn everything in and if you don't have all your information, you are in trouble," said junior Kelly Davis. The editors stayed every day after school, staying sometimes as late as 10 PM. "They do a good job, and I know with Parker and White every detail will be taken care of," said Hoof.

YEARBOOK
JOURNALISM



During a deadline, journalism teacher Laura Bruch advises editor Kelly Rust on her story. Journalism students were responsible for at least one story per deadline. When the students had questions, they often looked to Bruch or editor-in-chief Abby Mollen for help. Students were also aided by Steve Rowe, a representative from the local newspaper, The Richmond Times Dispatch, who attended their class at various times throughout the year. *Robin Glasco Photo*

Junior Hope Baker sorts through a box of pictures in hopes of finding a picture that will fit her spread. Yearbook students were forced to plan ahead when taking their pictures. If a sports team had a night game or if a club met after school, yearbook students were required to stay after and take pictures on their own time. Staff members worked together in order to insure camera availability, as well as timely photo development. *Robin Glasco Photo*

Christen Harmeling toots her flute at a pep rally. She shows her spirit with her hippie flower. The Marching Band provided entertainment for the pep rallies by playing many songs including "Proud Mary" and their theme song "Hit the Road Jack". *Kathy Hoof Photo*

Beth Taylor practices with her rifle. She was one of seventeen members on Winterguard. They competed with their show, "Triskele- A Celtic Tradition," at several competitions. *Cathy Niedermayer Photo*



Kristin McKeon, Jason Robins and Spencer Caudle hold their horns high as they perform for the half time show at a home football game in September. The horn line received second place at the Tidewater Festival of Marching Bands in Virginia Beach. "It was very exciting to receive an award that was specifically for the horn line," said Spencer Caudle. The band traveled all over the state to attend various competitions throughout the fall. *Kathy Hoof Photo*

Crissy Beamer concentrates on her flag work for the show. The Colorguard provided the visual effect of the Riverdance show with rifles, sabres, flags and dance. The Guard was an important part of the Marching Band, for they contributed to the many awards received for their shows. They received awards at several of their competitions, including first place at the Tidewater Festival. Beamer said, "I play the flute, but I march with the flag." *Linda Kidd Photo*

RIVERDANCE

BY: JILL LEECH AND CATHY NIEDERMAYER

The Marching Band took on an Irish theme for the season. The music was from *Riverdance*, a story that originated in Ireland and is told with Celtic music. The bands show consisted of five songs from *Riverdance*. They opened with "Reel Around the Sun" and closed with "Lift the Wings."

To learn routines, the Marching Band and Guard attended band camp. Drum Majors Robert Jones and Ryan Fagan conducted marching drills at band camp. Fagan said, "I think my favorite part of being a drum major is getting to boss everyone around." Smiling, she added, "No, truly it was a lot of hard work, but in the end Robert and I managed to pull it all together and still have fun."

At competitions the band re-



Brad Ricks takes a break in between playing songs. In addition to performing their halftime show, the band played songs in the stands throughout the game, including "YMCA" and "Hey Baby." "We provide the entertainment and spirit for the home crowd," said Ricks. The band also led the crowd in cheers to support the football team.

Jill Leech Photo

ceived recognition for their hard work. Junior Lindsey Crawford said, "Practices are full of hard work, but it all pays off when we win a competition and receive a superior rating." At the Lee-Davis Tournament of Champions the Regiment received first place for drum majors. Their first competition was the Varina Invitational, where the Band received first place, and the drum line received second. At Princess Anne High School in Virginia Beach, the Colorguard received first place in the Tidewater Festival of Marching Bands. Jones, the other drum major, said, "It's very exciting to be able to leave with a legacy of such honors." The Regiment ended the season by continuing their tradition of having the title of Virginia Honor Band.

MARCHING BAND

GUARD

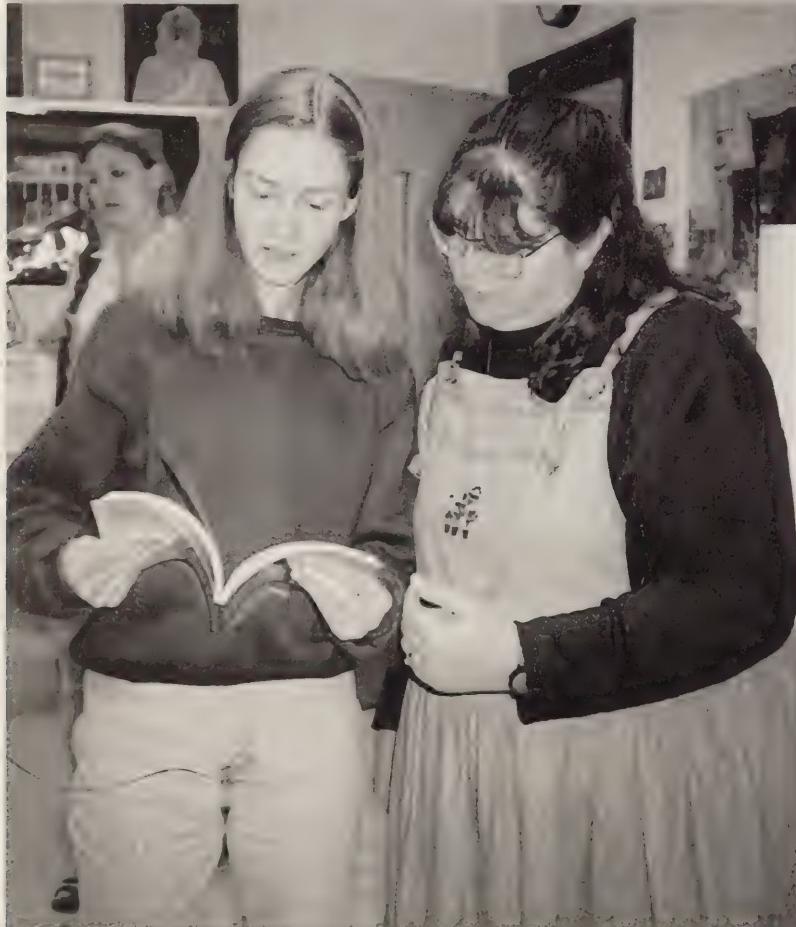
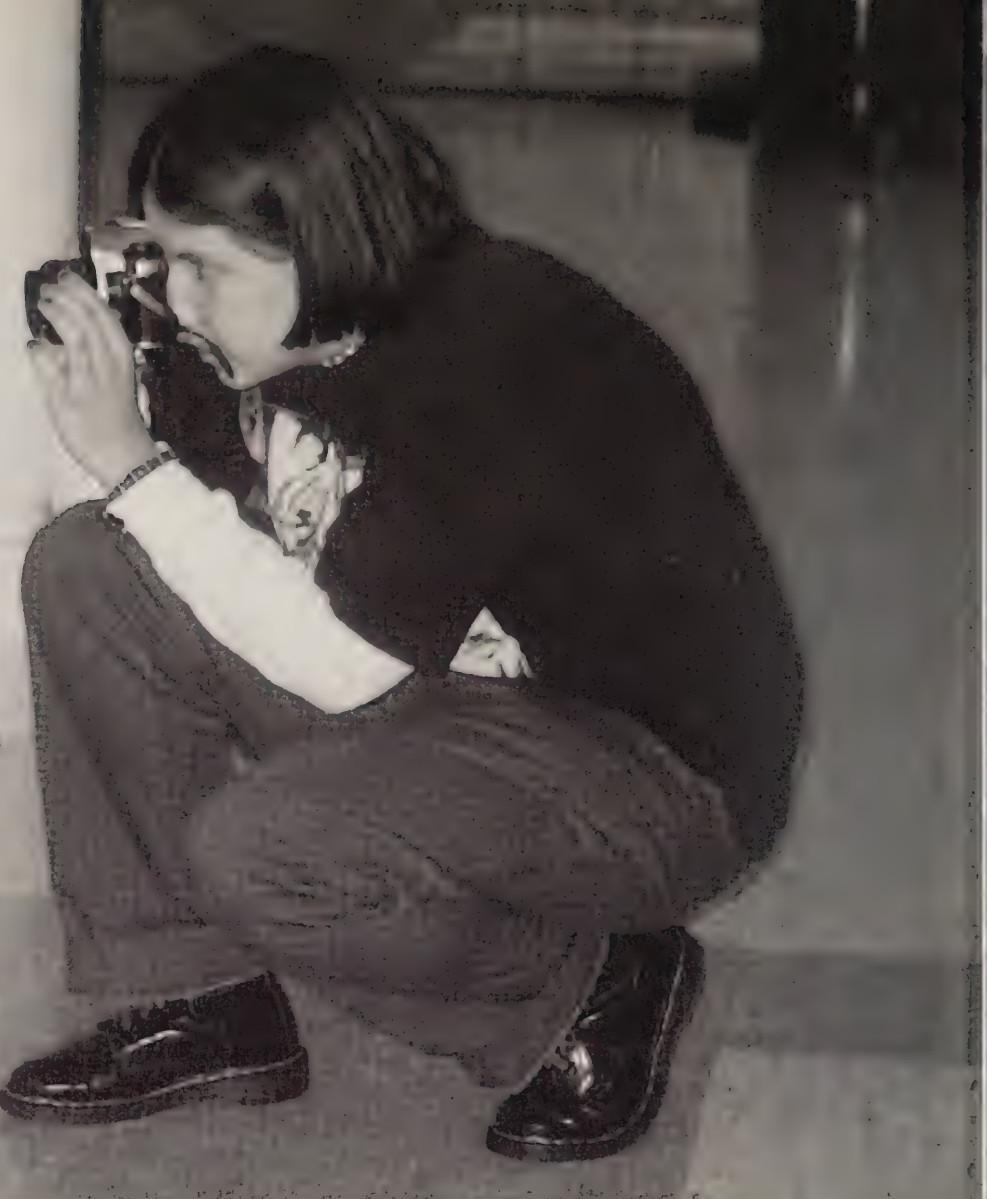


The sousaphones, Jeremy Snyder, Clay Lambert and Chris Fraker, prepare to march onto the field right before their halftime show. "The sousaphones lead the chant, to rally the crowd to support the football team," said Snyder. The Marching Band performed for students and parents at both home and away football games. Games were not the extent of the Regiments' performances, they also took their show on the road to four competitions. *Delight Jones Photo*

Sophomore Allison Bain plays the mellophone as she marches during the halftime show. "I normally play the french horn in class, but for Marching Band, I play the mellophone," said Bain. This was Bain's second year as a part of the Regiment. She said, "My only hope for the next few years is that I don't get hit with a flag during a competition." Like many of the marching band's members, she hopes to continue her participation through her senior year. *Kathy Hoof Photo*

Melissa Koch, a member of NAHS, takes pictures of the tables in the open commons for a photography project on patterns. She said, "I enjoy photography because it allows me to be creative, while it also requires some technical skills." *Gracie Hudert Photo*

Sarah Beall takes a moment from encouraging others to donate in order to put a dollar in herself. NHS members gave up their lunches on Fridays during the spring to help collect money for Coach Collins. *Gracie Hudert Photo*



NHS vice-president senior Debbie Gonzalez discusses a possible project idea with sponsor Kim Mullins between classes. Mullins, along with Linda Carden and Cam Hatcher, donate her time after school to help the group and said, "We like working with responsible people." Mullins, in her first year as a cosponsor of the club, said, "I like it because I have a bunch of the kids, and I like seeing them outside of the classroom." All three sponsors attended seminar in November to learn more about NHS. *Gracie Hudert Photo*

Latin Honor Society member, senior Lynne Williams, asks teacher Donna Dollings about translation in her poetry book for Latin 5. Dollings felt the students in the language society deserved the recognition without having to do the service hours required by NHS or the activities required by NAHS members. Dollings said that the students had enough activities and that to have the three consecutive A's to get in the first place was "quite a accomplishment." *Gracie Hudert Photo*

ON YOUR HONOR

BY: GRACIE HUDERT

For those students who work to maintain a high standard of academic excellence, the many honor societies are available to provide recognition and reward for the long hours spent in studies and work. In overall academics the National Honor Society is open to juniors and seniors who maintain a 3.6 GPA, who meet the qualifications and are willing to perform the required ten hours of service per semester. In foreign language studies, each language has a small, completely honorary society for students who have taken at least three years of the language and maintained an A average for three consecutive quarters. National Art Honor Society is available for art and photography students, who are members of Art Guild and



NHS member senior Will Hanzel completed his required ten hours of service per semester by volunteering at Maymont Park on Easter Sunday. Hanzel worked with several different relay games while other members sold tickets and painted faces. Hanzel said, "It felt great to help so many kids have a good Easter. Their faces gave all of us an immeasurable feeling of joy." *Gracie Hudert Photo*

would like honors credits for their elective courses.

Although most of the honor societies do not make any requirements other than academic ones, NHS and NAHS members have other duties to fill. NHS sponsor Linda Carden said the best thing about the club is that "we help the community by providing services." Also, all NHS members must exhibit scholarship, leadership, service and character. Donna Dollings, who felt that the Latin Honor Society does not need to require service or projects from its members, said, "It's quite an accomplishment to be inducted and to stay in." With or without further requirements, the honor societies all work to provide recognition for outstanding students.

HONOR
SOCIETIES

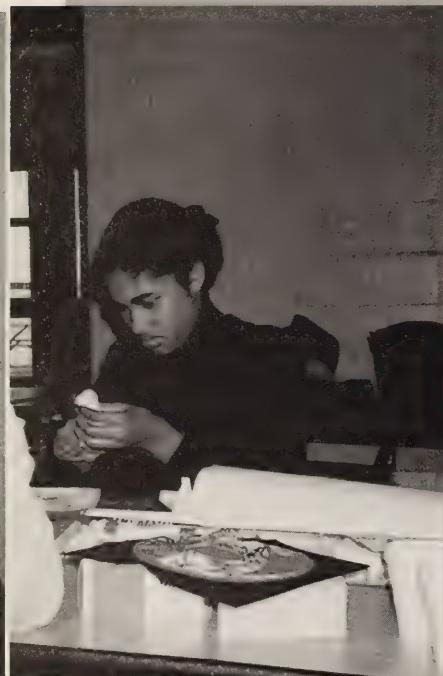


National Art Honor Society seniors Leslie Brown, Kim Seymour and Jennifer Cline work on pencil sketches during their Art IV class. The still life pencil sketches showed the talent and dedication necessary to produce an image with shading and texture with only one medium. Brown, who was in both the Art and Photo Guild and the NAHS and served as an officer for the honor society, said, "I like art because it gives everybody the option to express themselves." *Gracie Hudert Photo*

Senior Tracy Waldron volunteered weekly in Mrs. Romano's second grade class at Bettie Weaver to obtain her service hours for NHS. Waldron, who worked with a gifted student in math joked, "I'm paying him to do my Calculus homework you know." Seriously, Waldron said, "I have been very impressed with the positive attitudes toward learning shown by the kids at Bettie Weaver. Because of the enthusiasm they have shown, I look forward to working with them each week." *Gracie Hudert Photo*

SCA member Kyle Dexter made the trip with the club to a local retirement home. The SCA threw a St. Patrick's Day party for the residents, which included food, candy and entertainment. *Mary Heath Johnson Photo*

Senior Simone Cade, a YADAPP member, helps by cutting out valentines. YADAPP travelled to a local children's hospital where they handed out valentines and had a party. *Christy Moses Photo*



Charlotte Dean and the SCA went to a local retirement home in March. The SCA threw Saint Patrick's Day party for the residents. Dean did more than just eat food and candy that day, she made a new friend with whom she is still in contact. "When we first visited Alice reminded me of my grandmother. I still go back every Saturday for bingo and Sunday just to visit. It's great to see how a few hours of my day can make someone else so happy" said Charlotte Dean. *Sabeen Reza Photo*

Erin Waller of the SCA and Abby Mollen of YADAPP team up with their new friend at the battered women and children's shelter in December. The YADAPP club made the trip to the shelter, but Waller went along to participate. "It was definitely one of the best experiences I've ever had. When a lady came up to me and said, 'This really is Christmas' I knew that even our forty-five minutes had made a difference" said Waller. *Mary Heath Johnson Photo*

COMMUNITY CONTACT

BY: CAREY WILKINSON

At the beginning of the year, SCA organized a canned food drive in which 1055 cans were collected and donated to the Central Virginia Food Bank. Over the holiday season, the SCA participated in the Christmas Mother. For the Christmas Mother, each club in the school sponsored a family for whom they bought clothes, toys and even a special Christmas dinner. All together, with the help of SCA, the school sponsored fifteen families.

YADAPP gives teenagers an alternative to drugs and alcohol. The members have fun reaching out to our school and community, and everyone knows who they are and what they stand for.

Youth Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Project. One of their biggest projects included visiting



During their visit to the battered women and children's shelter, YADAPP members provided toys as well as holiday entertainment. "It was wonderful to see the enjoyment that these people received from our being there. It was truly an enlightening and heart warming experience," said sponsor Cindy Minehan. Mary Heath Johnson Photo

a homeless shelter for women and children in December. They also encouraged their peers to stop smoking through the American Cancer Society's Save a Sweetheart program. "Nothing I can say will convey to others what YADAPP is about or what it means. I can talk about all of the great things we've done like visiting the children's hospital and the battered women and children's shelter, or I could talk about the great meetings we had with food and fellowship. But none of it will mean anything to people who aren't in the club. It's an experience you can only enjoy if you join and live it to the fullest," said YADAPP officer Byron Wakely. YADAPP focused most of their time to helping our school and community.



SCA officers, Morgan Blackwood, Sabeen Reza, Megan Mann and Emily Westkaemper, experienced the hard work and dedication that was essential for SCA. "SCA is much more time consuming than I ever expected it to be, but there is a real sense of accomplishment when we see the results of a finished product. I really feel that we have helped many people in both the school and community this year," said Sabeen Reza. Linda Davidson Photo

Cindy Minehan took the YADAPP club to Chippenham Children's Hospital in mid February. The club made Valentine cards and candy bags to take to the children for a Valentine's Day party. One of our own, Kay Foster, goes to the children's hospital once a month for treatment. Foster was there on the day that the club visited, and YADAPP brought her a special Valentine present. After the party, a children's specialist spoke to the club about possible careers in pediatric medicine. Christi Moses Photo

YADAPP

SCA

Junior Kate Parnell works on finishing an art project for a class assignment. The painting was also presented in the Art and Ice Cream show at school. All money for fundraisers went to buying supplies and paying for Art Guild and class trips to art museums. *Hope Baker Photo*

Nikki Clark, another officer in the Art and Photo Guild, works on making a frame in photography class. At Guild meetings, they planned field trips and art activities they wanted to accomplish in the future. *Hope Baker Photo*



The Art and Photo Guild designs a van to drive in the Homecoming parade. The van was driven by art teacher Frank Constanzer. The Art Department teachers assisted the Guild officers in running the meetings, as well as assisting in projects. The Guild also added to the festivities by painting back drops for both Homecoming and Post Prom. *Kathy Hoog Photo*

Debbie Tyler, a member of the Art of Photo Guild, works on an art project. The students display their art work at the Art and Ice Cream show. This was a fund-raiser for the Guild to earn money for paying for supplies and field trips. Also at the show were performances by the Jazzy Ladies and the school's jazz band. The art was on display for the public's enjoyment and so parents could view what their child had accomplished this year in art class. *Hope Baker Photo*

ONLY THE BEST

BY: HOPE BAKER

The Art and Photo Guild is a club that consists of sixty talented art and photo students. It is not required to take an art or photography class during school to be in this program. The officers of the Art and Photo Guild were Ayren Holter, Nikki Clarke, Allison Malott, Laura Diegelmann, Jennifer Klein, Kate Parnell and Leslie and Matt Brown. To be selected as an officer students must be chosen to be in the National Art Honors Society, turn in a portfolio and then be voted the person that the members want. The officers ran all the meetings with the help of the sponsors of the Guild. The sponsors were the Art Department teachers Frank Constanzer, Laura Wright and Barbara Rothenburg. The meetings were held once a month on



Evan Cotter works on a pen drawing during an art class at school. The Art and Photo Guild accomplished things such as painting bulletin boards around the school and making banners to decorate the school. The money for the supplies come from fundraisers the Guild held. The sponsors helped with all the meetings and planning of projects. Hope Baker Photo

Tuesdays in the Art Department rooms. At the meetings they planned field trips and art activities that they wanted to accomplish in the future. They painted the bulletin boards around the school, made banners to decorate the walls and painted backdrops for Homecoming and Post Prom. Fund raisers and their dues paid for all the supplies they used and for all the field trips they went on. One of the biggest fund raisers they did was the art and ice cream show. The public paid to see art work on display that the students had created. After walking around and looking, students and parents made ice cream sundaes. This show gave the public an opportunity to see what art and photography students accomplished within the year.

ART PHOTO GUILD

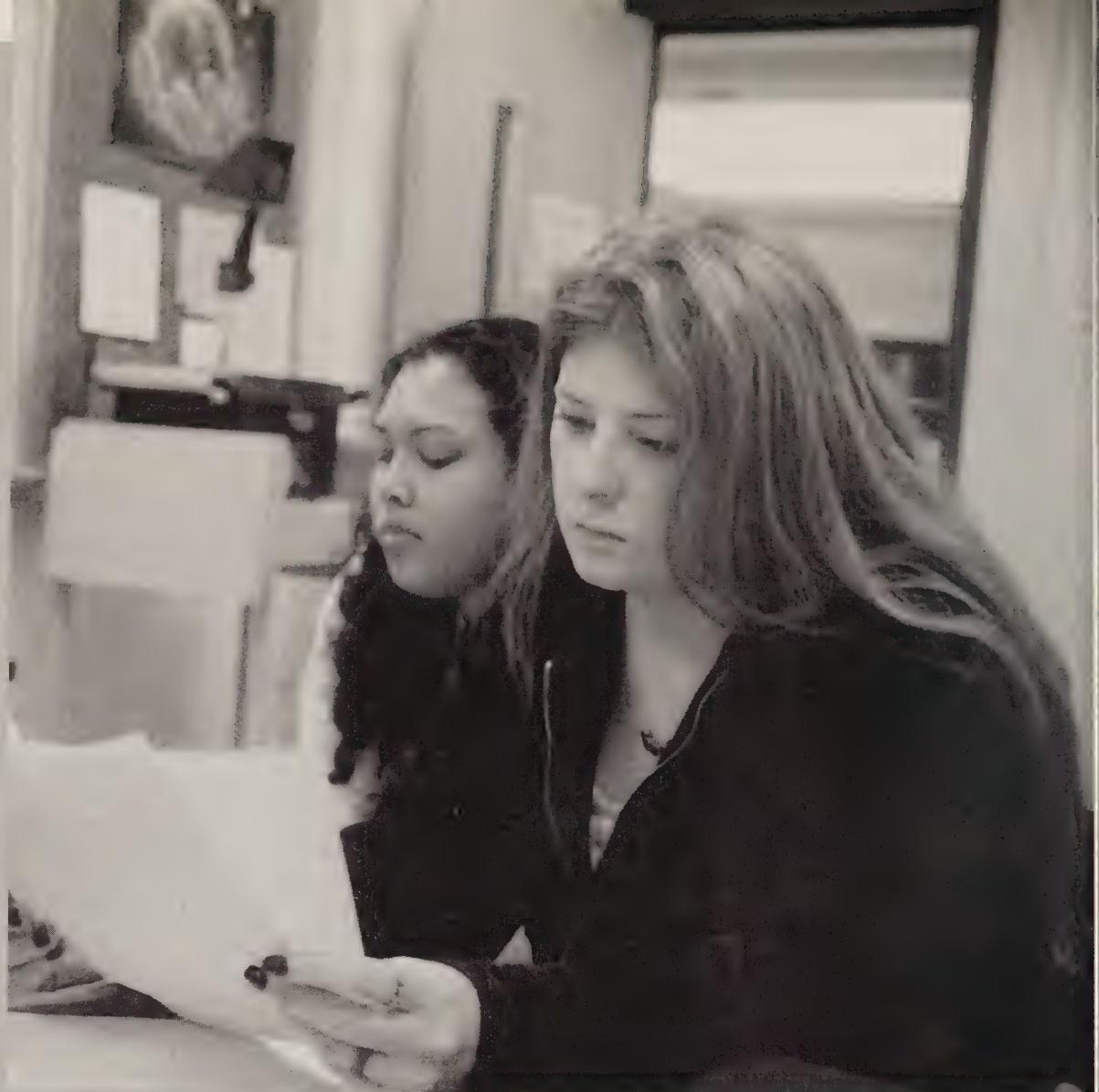


Junior Laura Diegelmann, an officer in the Art and Photo Guild, puts the finishing touches on a painting during her art class. Officers of the Guild were chosen by nominations and then through elections from classmates. The officers' responsibilities included running meetings as well as organizing and carrying out projects. Certain people in office were in charge of things such as fundraising, advertising and planning projects and trips. Hope Baker Photo

Senior member Sarah Diegelmann works on frames in photography class. As a member in the Guild, students must pay dues and make an effort to attend all meetings. Meetings were held once a month on Tuesdays in the Art Department rooms. The sponsors of the Guild helped run the meetings, but basically the officers were in charge. Hope Baker Photo

FBLA president, Allison Rowell, looks over the clubs financial statements to find out how the expenses are flowing. She does this because the club needs to find out how the money is being spent and how much they have for activities that they want to plan in the future. Kaiser Virani Photo

Ruth Matthews sits in on the FBLA club meeting to help sponsor Rose Malone watch over its progress. Sponsors usually sat in to make sure that the meetings were running smoothly and efficiently. Kaiser Virani Photo



Club president Allison Rowell and sponsor Rose Malone plan out activities for the club members to do. FBLA had guest speakers from Philip Morris to speak to the club. Among other activities, "We're trying to plan to visit a business, but no definite plans have been made yet," said Rowell. A possibility included visiting Philip Morris. The main thing that was addressed was the new technology and computers that are being used in today's business world. Kaiser Virani Photo

As all the members crowd around him, Jon Knuckles, draws the name for the Great American Opportunities Fundraiser. The drawing consisted of the names of students who sold items in the fundraiser. There were two students picked by Knuckles to receive one hundred dollar bonus, which could be used to their advantage. FBLA participated in the annual fundraiser to award a deserving graduate with a college scholarship. Kaiser Virani Photo

LEADING THE WAY

BY: MELISSA HAAKE AND KAISER VIRANI

Sounds of keyboards clicking filled the halls when the Future Business Leaders of America met. FBLA prepared its members for a life in the real world of business. Besides providing a link to the business world, members did a number of activities. These included things like writing letters to Coach Chuck Collins and participating in homecoming activities. They also helped sponsor the Christmas mother and donated money to the nature walk constructed along the James River. "One attraction for seniors to join FBLA is that we offer a \$1000 scholarship," said sponsor Rose Malone. To fund the scholarship the club members sold Christmas gifts, which included cups, candy and decorations.

DECA is a club having to do with



Club sponsor Rose Malone helps the elected club member to record the progress made during the meeting into the computer. "We always get someone with good keyboarding skills to be able to handle this job," said Malone. Club members either entered the gathered information on the computer or handwrote the key points made during the meetings. Kaiser Virani Photo

the Marketing Education Program. All the club's activities revolved around professional civic and leadership development. "Throughout the year professionals in fashion merchandising and marketing visit students to share their experiences," said club sponsor Julie Moore.

The major civic project was providing an entire Christmas celebration for a needy Chesterfield family. "There are also many opportunities for leadership development, such as district leadership and state leadership conferences," said Moore. Several students won awards and qualified for state competition in Williamsburg. Kendra Horger, who attended the state conference, qualified to attend the national conference in California.

BUSINESS
CLUBS



Rose Malone and member Stacy Miller sit together and discuss the activities that need to be accomplished as the year came to an end. The main thing that was discussed was the one thousand dollar scholarship for seniors. The scholarship was won by club President Allison Rowell. She planned to put the money in a savings account for her college needs. FBLA members also reviewed the funds they used in order to send as much money as possible to donations for the school. Kaiser Virani Photo

Club member Anissa Parker reads over the financial statements for the year. All members were able to look over them and give suggestions on how to save the club money and to raise it for activities. The club was able to raise close to two thousand dollars to pay for the scholarship and for their needs. The club also watches their funds so that there will be enough money to provide for the senior scholarship of a thousand dollars. Kaiser Virani Photo





It's Only a Matter of Time

Warm-ups, coin tosses and pre-game cheers are among the many activities that charge the players and fans with the excitement of victory. All of these brought out the best in the players.

Sports are a competitive way to have fun. Those who participated in sports had a wide variety from which to choose. The athletic season started in the fall with girl's and boy's cross country teams. The boy's cross country team was second in the district and placed sixth in the state competition. Girl's and boy's volleyball was also offered. The girl's team went to the district tournament. The boy's volleyball team tied for first place during the regular season and were semi finalists in the regional meet. Field hockey was another sport offered for girls. For the first time in school history, the girl's field hockey team was undefeated in the regular season.

Varsity football, along with Junior Var-

sity and freshman football made their yearly fall appearance. The Varsity team won their first game against Meadowbrook 28-7. They also won their Homecoming Game in the mud and rain against George Wythe.

Sports

The winter sports included basketball, wrestling and indoor track. Because it was primarily held outdoors, those who participated in indoor track were brave enough to bear the winter elements. Early in the season, Coach Vital Dixon said, "Antoine Mayfield was expecting to break his school records in the long jump, triple jump and high jump."

Wrapping up the athletic school year, the spring sports took center stage, including baseball, softball, boy's tennis, soccer and outdoor track. It is only a matter of time before James River will have the number one athletic program in the state of Virginia.

Tiffani Roberson

WORKING IT OUT

LONG, TOUGH PRACTICES PAY OFF

By: HOPE BAKER

It's the first time we've ever done anything like that!" said Varsity cheerleader Sarah Anderson. Wondering what she is talking about? Over the summer instead of the cheerleaders going to camp, the camp came to them. For three days the squads practiced cheers, chants, stunts and learned dances with the UCA Cheerleading Camp in the Rapids gym. "The camp was hard work but, it brought all of the cheerleaders closer together as friends," said Junior Varsity cheerleader Michelle Spiers.

Missy Smith and Julie Porter were the sponsors of the squads. "The squads have done a great job cheering on the Rapids football team, and the spirit will continue throughout the basketball season," said Jenny Goad.

Practices usually lasted from 2:30 until 5:00. These practices helped prepare them for games,

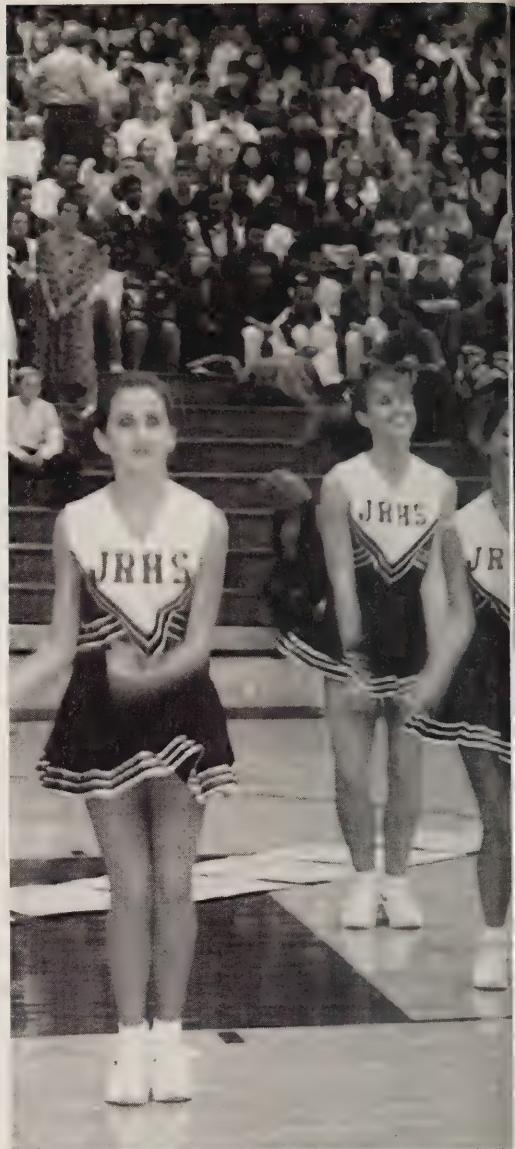
pep rallies and competitions. They divided their time between weight lifting on Tuesdays and Thursdays, plus regular practices where they perfected cheers, chants and stunts on Mondays and Wednesdays. Varsity cheerleader Jodi Pugh said, "Practices were tough and long, but in the end it turned out to be worthwhile."

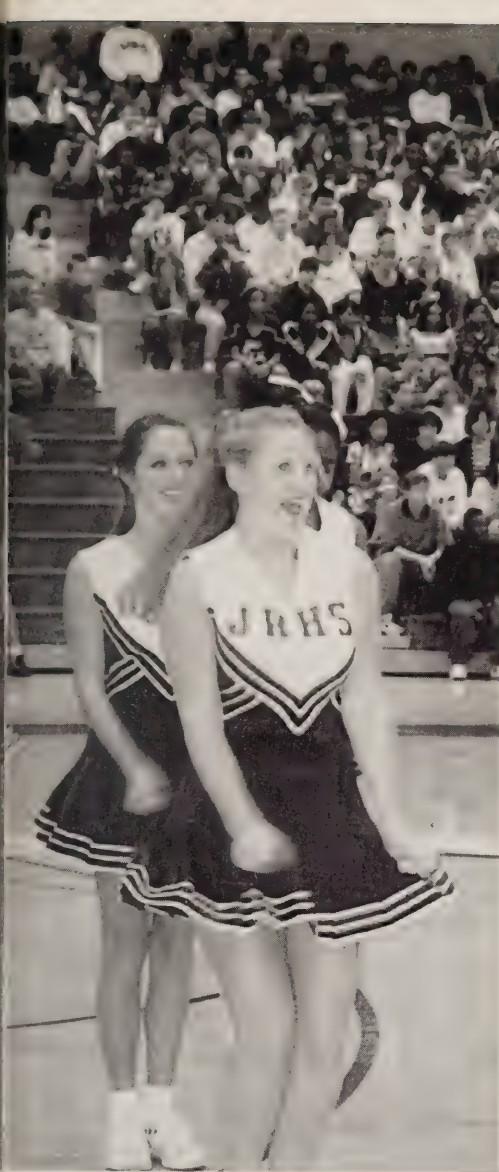
To raise money for new outfits and competition fees, they sold spirit ribbons, which cost fifty cents, on Fridays for all football games. Also, for Spirit Week they sold tattoos that showed school spirit. With these funds, the squads participated in a District Competition at Manchester High School in the late fall. "Even though we did not place, we still did a remarkable job," said Varsity cheerleader Tracy Barton.

Overall, "The cheerleading squads have been the best they've ever been," said Kristine Garner.



Katie Williams, Anne Severin, Michelle Spiers, Maureen Powers and Ann Goodman gather at the Varsity football game. The JV cheerleaders were responsible for selling programs and supporting the Varsity cheerleaders at all home football games.





Robin Allanson and Kristine Garner cheer on the Varsity Basketball team at a home game. The Junior Varsity and Varsity cheerleading squads cheer for all football and basketball games. Cheerleaders held practices twice a week to prepare them for games, competitions and pep rallies. "Most people don't consider cheerleading a sport, we work as hard as any other team. Cheerleading is definitely a sport," said Robin Allanson. Sarah Anderson Photo



Ann Goodman and the rest of the Junior Varsity cheerleaders show off their dance moves at the first pep rally of the year for the Homecoming Game. The JV cheerleaders, along with the Varsity squad, danced with Rapid Motion in a joint performance. The marching band performed during the pep rally as well. Kathy Hoof Photo

The JV cheerleaders cheer on the football team at an away game at Huguenot High School. The JV games were held on Thursdays, so that the Varsity games could be played on Fridays. The JV and Varsity squads cheered at all home and away games. During basketball season, however, each squad further split into two squads in order to attend every game. Kathy Hoof Photo

Varsity cheerleader Jenny Sykes does a cheer to keep the Rapids moving at the L.C. Bird football game. The cheerleaders used megaphones and pom pons to complement and add to their cheers. They also choreographed dances to the band songs and completed stunts. In order to practice all of these things, the cheerleaders held practice three times a week for two and a half hours. Kathy Hoof Photo



KEEP ON MOVING

DANCERS PERFORM AT GAMES

By: MELISSA PUGH

Although it was only its second year in existence, the dance squad keeps on moving.

After holding tryouts, at which approximately thirty-five girls attended, a final sixteen girls were chosen. Tryouts lasted for four days. "Tryouts were stressful and strenuous but well worth it!", says Marie Potter.

The new squad started practiced in the summer and attended Eastern Dance Association camp in July at Mary Washington College. "It was long, hot and tiring but fun and well worth the effort.", said Erin Smith. Practice continued afterwards in anticipation for football season.

The dance squad attended a county-wide competition at Monacan High School in the fall. "James River's girls should've won, but they got jipped," said senior Bobby Petrella. Also attend-

ing were Monacan's Monacettes, Manchester's Lancer Dancers, Clover Hill's Cavalettes, Midlothian's Trojanettes and L.C. Bird's Rhapsody In Blue.

For the first time, Rapid Motion danced with the cheerleaders in a joint effort at the pep rally. Senior David Honaker said, "The dancers rocked the house and kept the school spirit flowing."

The dances performed at games, competitions, and pep rallies were either choreographed by members of the squad or learned at camp. The dancers practiced four times a week to learn and perfect those dances. "Learning a dance takes about three days plus many more to perfect it," said Lauren King.

Rapid Motion also added halftime entertainment throughout the basketball season at all home games.



Megan Parker flashes a smile at the end of a dance. Frequently, the music malfunctioned at the football games. However, the dancers continued to perform although the music was not audible. *Kathy Hoof Photo*



Marie Potter and Juli Robbins show the latest addition to a dance. For variety, the dancers choreographed their own moves to their own music instead of always using pre-choreographed material learned from camp. Lauren King Photo



One group of dancers performs the dance during practice, as other dancers watch and critique. Before performances, the squad used practice time to critique each other. The dancers critiqued each other as a way to better themselves both as individuals and as a team. Lauren King Photo

During practice, Valerie Merwick demonstrates how to do the butterfly. Merwick demonstrated this to show correct knee placement in order to prevent injuries. Because so much stress is placed on the knees during dancing, knee injuries were common for the dancers. Melissa Pugh Photo

Juli Robbins holds her position as the rest of the squad completes the ripple. The dancers practiced moves multiple times in order to perfect arm and body placement and also to create the effect of perfectly synchronized moves. Melissa Pugh Photo



RISING TO THE TOP

THIRD YEAR AND PLAYING STRONGER

By: Irene Vlasisidis

What was it like coming to a new school playing Freshman Football? James Vlasisidis, a defensive end for the Freshman Football team, said, "I'm excited about playing on the team, but it's a lot of hard work and dedication." The team ended their season with 3 wins and 5 losses. Chauncy Jones, a defensive lineman said, "The team has played good this season, and I think it has prepared us for J.V. and what is expected from the coaches and to win games." "I liked coaching the freshmen because I know that I'll have them next year on J.V.," said coach Bucky Lawson.

The Junior Varsity team, coached by Bucky Lawson and Coach A.J., had a record of 5 wins and 5 losses. The leading scorer, sophomore Kenny Holder, who played at running back and corner back, said, "We could of played better by

picking up our intensity in practice and games." Kenny ended the season with 12 touchdowns and 2 interceptions. Jermar McSweeney lead the team on defense with eleven sacks and four fumble recoveries. John Pulli played both defense and offense. He mainly played as a strong safety and fullback. He helped the team by playing quarterback at the George Wythe game when Todd Wood was out sick. Joey Amado started both on defense and offense. He helped the offense by scoring three touchdowns and three interceptions during the season. Peter Dennis started as a defensive lineman. He aided the running back by giving them space to score touchdowns.

Overall, "They are a great group of kids with a lot of talent and I think they are prepared for the responsibilities for being on Varsity next year," said Lawson.



Freshman, Ricky Overby tried to get past the Mills Godwin defense to gain some yards so they wouldn't have to punt the ball. He had two blockers, Jay Sowers and Matt Dowdley helping him to gain some yards so he could score a touchdown. James Vlasisidis was hustling to come help out his teammates. Chauncey Jones and Mark Fiore were blocking the linemen on the other team to prevent Overby from being tackled. Irene Vlasisidis Photo



STATS

Freshman

Mills Godwin	30-20
L.C. Bird	20-16
Thomas Dale	28-0
Clover Hill	26-6
Meadowbrook	14-0
L.C. Bird	22-16
Manchester	9-8

J.V.	
Lee Davis	43-0
L.C. Bird	27-16
George Wythe	26-8
Huguenot	30-28
Clover Hill	20-8
Manchester	21-12

Freshman

Most Valuable Player: Brad Turner

J.V.

Most Valuable Player: Peter Dennis

Most Improved: Joey Kruse

A George Wythe player tackles sophomore Chris Chandler when he tries to gain yards for a first down. The pass was thrown by sophomore John Pulli, who played back-up quarterback that game because Todd Wood was sick with the flu. Chandler scored two touchdowns by the end of the game. He helped his team to a 26-8 victory. It is illegal to pull on a players jersey, but the ref missed the call. Irene Vlasidis Photo

John Pulli plays quarterback in place of the regular one, who was out sick with the flu. He was being approached by a defensive player on the George Wythe team, who was about to tackle him. In order to avoid the tackle, he threw the ball to Chris Chandler to avoid a sack from a player on the opposing team. Chandler eventually gained enough yards for a first down. Irene Vlasidis Photo

Sophomore Joey Kruse works hard to block two defense players from George Wythe. Kenny Holder, hidden behind a Wythe player, had the ball and worked to gain enough yards for a first down. He was stopped by Wythe after gaining seven yards. Holder added twelve points to the scoreboard by scoring two touchdowns by the end of the game. He also helped his team by playing strong defense. Irene Vlasidis Photo



A NEW BEGINNING

FIRST WIN INSPIRES SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Kelly Davis

Do you know how it feels to get drenched with icy cold water? Well, Varsity Football Coach Rich Fenlock does. "It felt great because it meant that the football game was over and that we had won the game," said Fenlock.

Varsity Football started off with a bang, not only winning the first game of the season but winning the first game in its history. "They are finally beginning to come together as a team," said Fenlock, "They are looking out for one another." The football players were very excited after winning the first game. "I was so excited when that first game was over, it felt so good. I knew that this year was going to be different." said senior Randy Hand.

The football team started to get recognition from students and fans. One such fan was our own governor, George Allen. In a letter to Coach

Fenlock he wrote, "I was very excited to learn of your first victory . I know your staff, and your team's hard work is paying off. I wish you much continued success this year and in future seasons," he said.

"We've been working hard, some of us for three years and all that hard work is now starting to pay off. I think the vast majority of the people that attended James River underestimated our ability to preform at this level. I always knew that we were going to surprise a lot of people. And, best of all I'm glad that I finished my senior year like I did," said senior Antione Mayfield.

"I am very proud of how well we did this year. We were determined to do better this season and we did. Even though we are losing some of our really good players, next year will be better than this year," said junior Anwar Edwards.



Quarterback Matt Howells drops back in order to find wide receiver Patrick Felts to complete the pass. The offensive line gave the quarterback time to complete either a running or passing play. The Rapids lost to Clover Hill 24 to 20. Charles Batten Photo



STATS

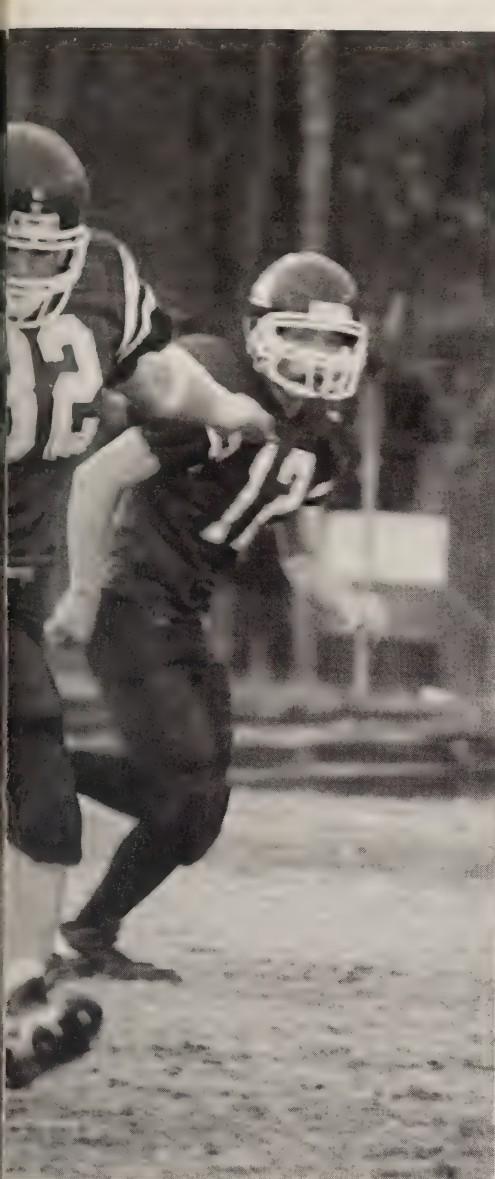
Meadowbrook	28-7
Freeman	23-26
Lee Davis	0-21
Bird	26-42
Monacan	21-6
Midlothian	21-14
George Wythe	20-6
Huguenot	0-18
Clover Hill	20-24
Manchester	19-22

First Team All District: Reggie Green, Shannon Delaney, Randy Hand
Second Team All District: Anwar Edwards

Honorable Mention Central Region: Reggie Green, Shannon Delaney, Randy Hand

Most Valuable Player: Reggie Green

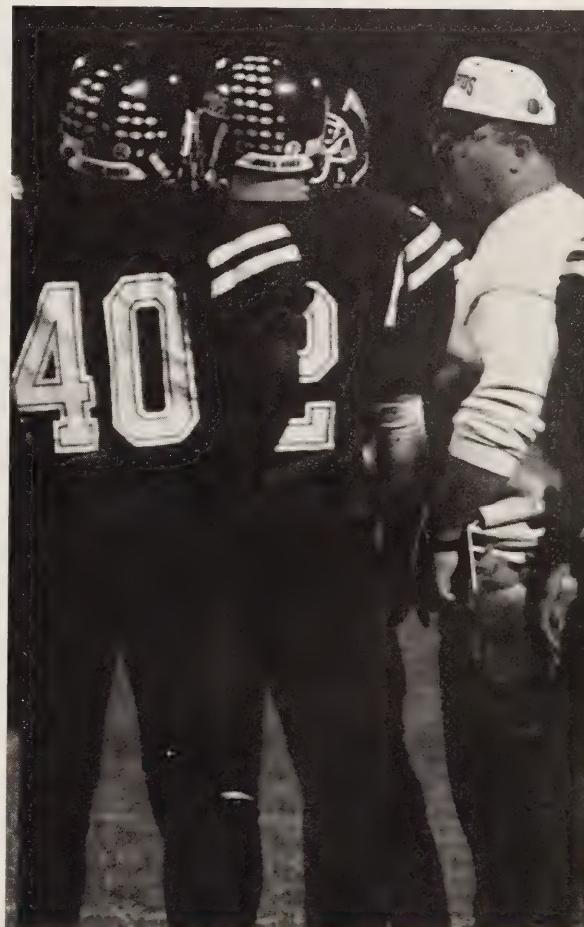
Most Improved: Matt Howells and Jason Jones



Junior AJ Lawerence kicks off the ball in order to start the game against the Lancers of Manchester. Because of bad weather on the scheduled game day, the game was played on Saturday instead of the traditional Friday night. "The last game was very important to us seniors because it was the last game that we will ever play together at this school," said senior Jemar Stith. *Lifetouch Photo*

Junior Anwar Edwards, senior Alex Savino and senior Greg Stienberg prepare to push through Clover Hill's offense to keep the Cavaliers from scoring a touchdown. Therefore, the defense is one of the key elements in winning games because not only does a team have to score its own touchdowns, but the team must also prevent the other team from scoring as well. *Charles Batten Photo*

During a time out, Coach Rich Fenlock advises his players on how the next play should be done. Time-outs gave Fenlock, along with the other coaches, time to advise the team on how the upcoming plays should be executed to win the game. Time outs also gave the team time to prepare offensive and defensive strategies. *Charles Batten Photo*



NO FLIRTS IN SKIRTS

JV AND VARSITY DOMINATE DISTRICT

By: Robin Glasco & Barrett Wright

What does it take to make a winning team? Tiresome practices consisting of sprints, passes, dodges and scrimmaging were just a few pieces of the puzzle. "Each player gave 110% in every game. This was a large factor to our successful season," said LaDonna Meade. With all of this and more, both field hockey teams defeated their opponents.

The JV team finished off their season 9-0-1. While suffering no losses and only one tie, the team outscored their opponents 30 to 1. The JV team dominated most of the time during all of their games, allowing only 8 shots on goal. The team did not just show up for games and hope to win; they had 2 hour practices almost everyday after school. These practices were always focused on the upcoming rival games or becoming a stronger team.

Winning all thirteen regular season games, the Varsity Lady Rapids traveled straight to the State Tournament. Leading the pack, Coach Rachael Mead, experienced a first for her coaching career: an undefeated season. Senior Jill Swim said, "This is the best team we've had, we couldn't have done it without our defense."

The girls worked everyday after school improving their skills. The Varsity team focused on dribbling, dodging and endurance. "We had a great season and the hard work paid off in the end," said senior Sara Zambito.

After finishing off the season at 18-1, and winning both District and Regional Titles, Mead said, "Our season was very surprising. I never would have thought we would be undefeated after losing 8 starters, but I'm excited. My girls worked hard and came together."



Jackie Ledford prepares to steal the ball from a Clover Hill Player. The JV team rarely had to play defense during their games because of their strong offense. Allowing only 8 shots on goal, the JV team outscored their opponents 30-1. Brooke Stafford was the team's leading scorer with 8 goals in the season. Lifetouch Photo



STATS

	J.V.		Varsity	
Thomas Dale	4-0	Thomas Dale	1-0	Bird
Meadowbrook	8-0	Bird	11-0	<u>Districts</u>
Thomas Dale	1-0	Meadowbrook	10-0	Clover Hill
Midlothian	1-0	Monacan	1-0	Monacan
Clover Hill	2-0	Thomas Dale	2-1	<u>Regionals</u>
Manchester	1-0	Midlothian	2-1	Hopewell
Meadowbrook	9-0	Clover Hill	4-0	Monacan
Midlothian	0-0	Manchester	3-0	<u>State</u>
Clover Hill	2-0	Monacan	1-0	Kempsville
Manchester	3-0	Clover Hill	4-0	
		Manchester	1-0	
		Midlothian	1-0	

All Dominion District: First Team: Amy Smith, Robin Glasco, Sara Zambito, Elizabeth Dorsey Second Team: Sandra McGreevy Honorable Mention: Jill Swim, Beth Guedri, Holly Lester, Margo Vanderburg

All Region: First Team: Amy Smith, Robin Glasco Second Team: Sara Zambito
Player of the Year: Amy Smith

Rachael Mead coaches her team during a time-out. Mead often used time-outs and halftime to fire her team up. Halftime and time-outs not only gave Mead the chance to critique her players, but the players could also speak up about the way they were playing. During halftime the players also had a chance to replenish lost fluids by eating oranges and other fruits. *Lifetouch Photo*

Amy Smith dribbles up field past Clover Hill defenders. Smith usually stole the ball on defense, and carried the ball to the goal. After being the teams leading scorer, she was named to the First All-District, All-Region, and All-Academic teams, as well as Dominion District Player of the Year. Smith, Jill Swim and Sara Zambito were the three captains of the team. *Lifetouch Photo*

Sara Zambito's attempt to stop the ball fails. Zambito was quick enough to turn around and get the ball after her mistake. As a link, she had to play both offense and defense during the games. Zambito, tri-captain, was named to the First All-District and All-Region teams. She also played any position on the field when Coach Mead called on her. *Lifetouch Photo*



FINISHING STRONG

Boys Capture Central Region

By: Beth Moon

Cross Country takes a lot of hard work and dedication. But it all pays off in the meets when everyone runs well," said senior Prissy Gonzalez.

The Girl's Cross Country Team had a much improved season going from a 4-3 record in its previous season to a record of 6-1. The girls worked hard to accomplish their regular season ranking of second in the District; they achieved this by defeating two main rivals, Clover Hill and Midlothian. "One of my goals for this season was to beat Clover Hill and Midlothian, and the girls pulled together as a team to do this," said Coach Lisa Haney. Because of the girls third place finish in the District meet, they advanced to the Regional meet, where they placed eighth.

After losing the two best runners in the District, the Boy's Cross Country team had to work hard

to hold their title as District Champions. Coach Bob Jenkins built up the team and gave them the confidence to have a winning attitude throughout the season. "Jenkins is a great coach, and he pushed us to work our hardest every day," said sophomore Drew Stockdreher. Seniors Lake Stockdreher, David Mason and Travis Jones were tri-captains of the team. The Boy's team came 4 points from accomplishing their goal of returning as District Champions and were determined to fight back and capture the Central Region crown. They finished first in the Region and therefore advanced to the state meet where they placed sixth. Coach Jenkins was named the Central Region Coach of the Year. "I'm so proud of the boys for coming so far and doing so well this season. They really worked hard and it obviously paid off in the end," said Jenkins.



Junior Cristin Harrington races ahead of a pack of L.C. Bird runners. Harrington placed thirteenth in the JV race at the Dominion District meet at Pocahontas State Park. The girls team was led by tri-captains senior Prissy Gonzalez, junior Beth Moon, and sophomore Jacqui Hawkins. *Lifetouch Photo*



STATS

	Boys		Girls
Manchester	35-23	Manchester	15-50
George Wythe	50-15	George Wythe	50-15
Clover Hill	32-23	Clover Hill	32-27
Trinity	50-15	Trinity	50-15
Midlothian	37-22	Midlothian	30-25
L.C. Bird	45-18	L.C. Bird	47-17
Monacan	38-23	Monacan	43-20
Huguenot	50-15	Huguenot	50-15

Boy's

Most Valuable Player: Lake Stockdreher

Most Outstanding: Drew Stockdreher

Girl's

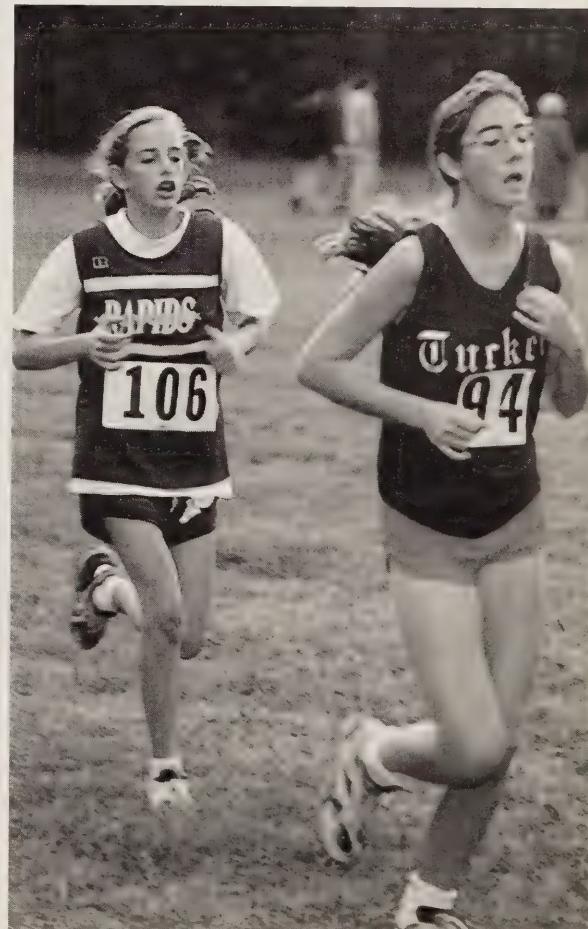
Most Valuable Player: Beth Moon

Most Improved: Cristin Harrington

Maintaining pace, sophomore Drew Stockdreher passes a Clover Hill runner during the race. Stockdreher was one of the team's top runners. He placed second in the District and sixth in the Region. He was followed by brother, senior Lake Stockdreher, who placed third in the District and fourteenth in the Region. The boy's team finished second in the district meet in the Varsity race. *Beth Moon Photo*

Passing the competition, sophomore James Moore, senior Adam Draucker and sophomore Keion Boyd pack together during a cross country meet against Clover Hill. The boys pulled away victorious in a 32-23 win over Clover Hill. In the sub-varsity race at the District meet, Draucker place second, Moore placed fourth and Boyd placed fifteenth. *Beth Moon Photo*

Sophomore Leah Easter pushes herself during her race at Three-Chopt at the Central Region Meet. The girls team placed eighth. "The regional course is a hard course, and it was very cold that day but every runner got a personal best time at that race for the season," said Easter. Gonzalez is the only senior leaving the team, so the girls team is expected to have a strong team next year as well. *Lifetouch Photo*



A SMASH HIT

GIRL'S TENNIS HAS A SLAMMIN' SEASON

By: CAREY WILKINSON

Although their season is fairly short, the Girls Tennis Team often had very busy weeks. They sometimes had three games a week, with practice on the other two days, but according to one of the tri-captains, Abby Mollen, "It's worth it!"

Coach Guedri, in her third season, spent the season focusing on team play, strategy and the mental game of tennis. "I spent a lot of time this season working on improving the girls' outlook on the game. I wanted them to learn that if they're down a few games, they can still come back," said Guedri.

One addition to the Girl's Tennis team was the new assistant coach, Rob Britt. Coach Britt focused on conditioning, and many practices were dedicated to improving endurance as well as footwork.

At practice, the girls played matches against each other to determine their playing positions. Captain Maren Riehm led the team as number one player for the third year in a row. Riehm finished 9-3 overall for the season and in doubles, she and Cat Nicholson made it to the semifinals in the district tournament. As the number two player, Cat Nicholson, finished with a record of 7-5 and played both singles and doubles in districts.

"I was upset when we lost our final match in districts because it would be my last match at James River, but my memories and the team's success over the past three years will be enough for me," said senior captain Riehm.

Overall, the team was fourth in the district with a 6-6 record. An experienced coach, along with a strong-willed group, carried the tennis team through the season.



Even if they are not playing, the girls are encouraged to sit and cheer on their teammates. Most of the time, this strategy helped the players, especially when playing against rivals like Midlothian and Monacan. Coaches Guedri and Britt were allowed to give advice to their players in between games only. *Lifetouch Photo*



STATS

Clover Hill	0-9
St. Catherine's	3-6
Midlothian	2-7
L.C. Bird	8-1
Monacan	3-6
Manchester	9-0
Manchester	9-0
Monacan	3-6
Huguenot	8-1
Midlothian	4-5
L.C. Bird	8-1
Freeman	0-9
Clover Hill	0-9

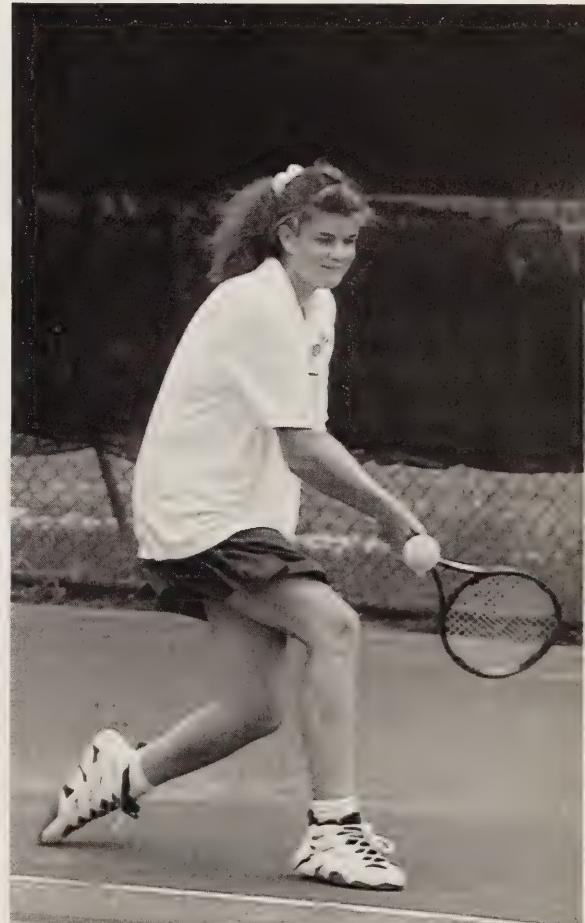
Most Valuable Player: Maren Riehm

Coach's Award: Cat Nicholson

Senior Agnes Toth concentrates by keeping her eye on the ball. Although it seems like such a small part of the game, eye contact with the ball can make all the difference in determining the success of your stroke. A lot of time was spent stressing the importance of the fundamentals of the game. Toth was a new addition to girls tennis team. *Lifetouch Photo*

Junior Liz Marks warms up before her big match. The girl's tennis team practiced after school from 2:00- 4:00 PM by doing varied drills to improve the quality and power of their strokes. Veteran players, like Marks, used after school practices to give advice and encouragement to new players and freshmen. The addition of freshmen provided for an extra improvement to the team. *Lifetouch Photo*

Sophomore Cat Nicholson prepares to hit the ball with a back hand stroke. Because she practiced on her own outside of school practices, Nicholson was able to move up to the number two playing position. She proved successful in her new position by finishing with an overall record of 7-5. She also represented the team at Districts at the end of the season. *Lifetouch Photo*



DIGGIN IT

WORKING HARD FOR WINS

By: COLLIN QUINN

Cheers and chants are shouted from the court to teammates. The volleyball team learned to support other players. Team members set their goal early in the season on going to the District tournament, but before their goal could be reached they had to function as a team. The players began to work as a team when they realized that the only way to win was to work together. "The team has improved 100% this year. They have won more matches this year than past years combined," said Coach Terry Sue Gault.

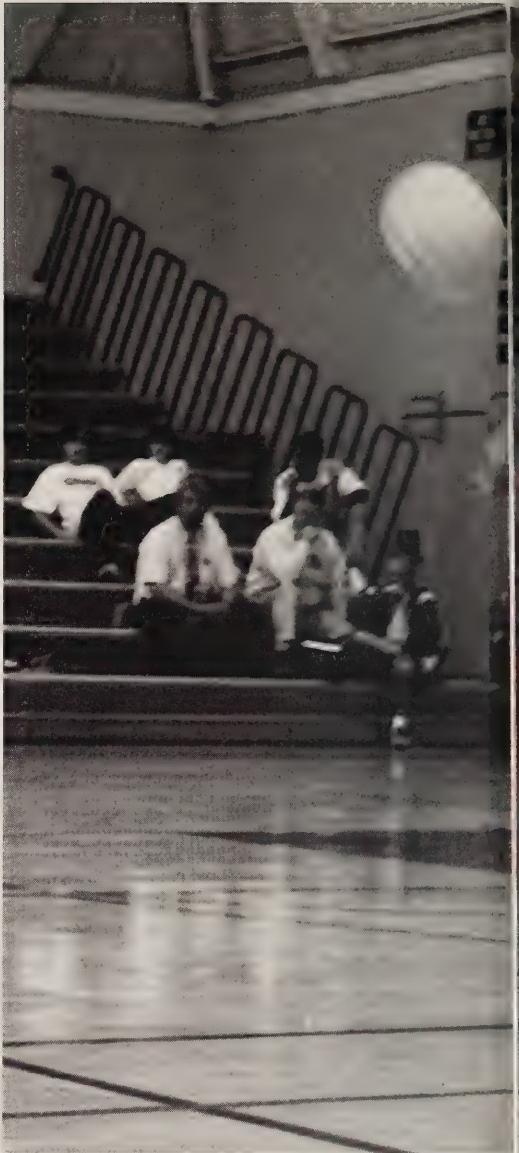
Coaches Suzanne Wille, Ray Green and Terry Sue Gault coached the players and decided on having three teams, including Varsity, Junior Varsity and Junior Varsity 2.

The Varsity team consisted of players who had previous experience. This team was led by captains Abbie Franks and Becky Miller. Franks and

Martha O'Dell were selected to the second All-District team, with Becky Miller and Stacy Miller receiving honorable mention. The Junior Varsity team was divided into two separate teams. JV1 played all scheduled matches. The JV2 team concentrated on developing skills and played private teams. The JV teams chose to rotate team captains instead of selecting year long ones.

The teams practiced everyday and worked hard to improve. "Most practices were for developing teamwork as well as skill," said sophomore Rachel Tokarz. Skills like setting, serving and spiking were practiced daily.

Games were a time for the practice to pay off. The teams came together during games with the Varsity winning. In the end the Varsity team accomplished their goal and went to the district tournament.

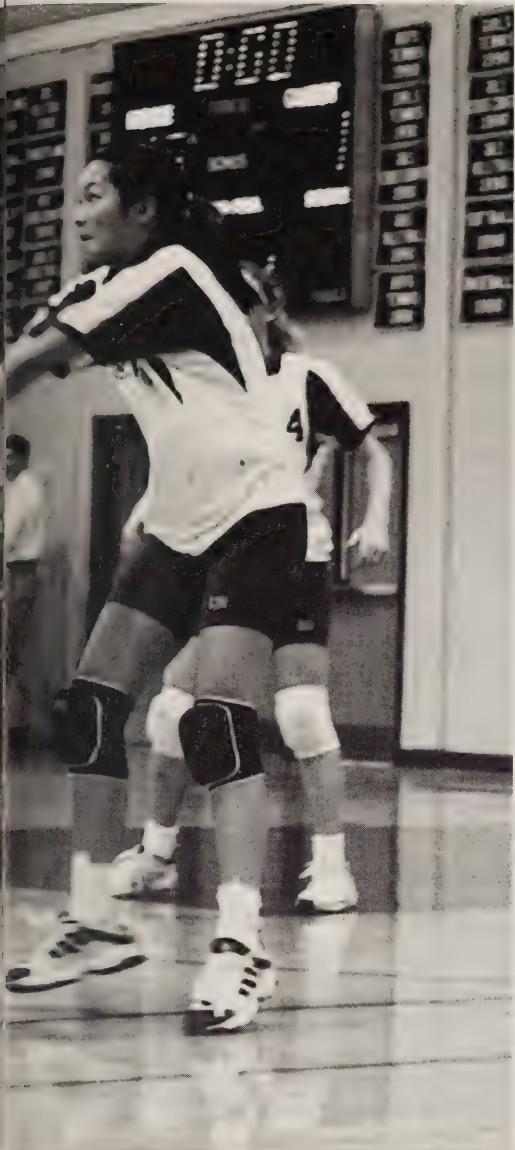


Junior Varsity players stand ready for a ball to be served during their game against L.C. Bird. The Junior Varsity team had no set team captains, but team members rotated by game. The team was coached by Ray Green, along with Suzanne Wille. The Junior Varsity teams worked together allowing players on JV2 the opportunity to play in Junior Varsity games.
Collin Quinn Photo



STATS

Hermitage	3-0	All Dominion District: Second Team:
Governor's	2-1	Abbie Franks, Martha O'Dell Honorable
Thomas Dale	0-2	Mention: Becky Miller, Stacy Miller
Manchester	2-0	Most Outstanding Player: Abbie Franks
Monacan	0-2	Coach's Award: Martha O'Dell
L.C. Bird	2-1	Leadership: Becky Miller
Clover Hill	0-2	Dedication: Gracie Hudert
Thomas Dale	2-0	
Huguenot	2-0	
Midlothian	0-2	
Manchester	0-2	
Freeman	0-2	
Monacan	3-0	
L.C. Bird	2-1	
Clover Hill	0-2	
Huguenot	2-0	
Midlothian	0-2	



Ivey Lian bumps a ball in the Varsity team's game against Clover Hill. The team later lost the game in the first round of the district tournament, ending their season with a record of six wins and nine losses. The team improved from past years, winning more games than past years combined. Coach Gault called this record a "one hundred percent improvement." *Lifetouch Photo*

Terry Sue Gault coaches the Varsity squad on their game against Monacan. Coach Gault, along with Ray Green, managed the Varsity team. The girls were divided into three teams, the Varsity team, the Junior Varsity team and the Junior Varsity 2 team. The Varsity and Junior Varsity teams played scheduled matches and the JV2 team played private teams. *Gracie Hudert Photo*

Christine Clay, number seven, serves a ball to Clover Hill during the first round of the District Tournament. The team reached their goal of going to the District Tournament. Fellow teammates Abbie Franks and Martha O'Dell were selected to play on the All-District second team. Franks and Becky Miller were the team captains for the Varsity team. *Lifetouch Photo*



FEW BUT MIGHTY

STRENGTH DOESN'T LIE IN NUMBERS

BY: GRACIE HUERT

With only four players on the bench, the ten-man Varsity Volleyball team relied on the skills of all their players to become one of the Central Region's strongest. The boys finished the regular season tied for first and ranked fourth in the area coach's poll. For the second year, the team won the Hermitage Invitational Tournament and finished the season with a winning record.

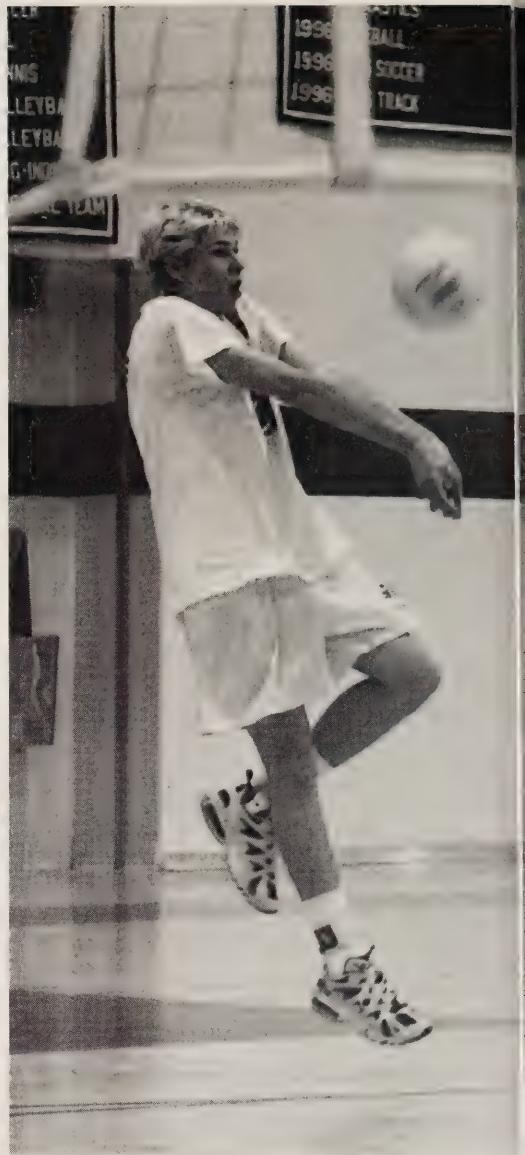
In post-season play, the boys did better than ever before. After a loss to Clover Hill to determine first place, the team rallied to defeat Manchester and guaranteed themselves a trip to the District Finals and the Regional playoff, where they defeated Varina in the first round before falling to Freeman in the semifinals.

Coach Frank Jenkins said, "I was happy to see the guys play together as team for the first time

and thrilled with their victory over the first ranked and undefeated Freeman team during the season." Before their trip to Districts, Kyle Dexter, a captain, said, "We've worked hard, and we have the potential to beat any team in the Region."

The Junior Varsity team, with new coach Jim McLean, and experienced players James Young and Alex Young, came together as the season progressed and finished with a .500 record, beating Midlothian in the last game of the season. Describing the victory, James Chiu said, "We practiced hard, and we did the best we could."

The J.V. players plan to continue volleyball in the off-season at the Richmond Volleyball Club and hope to improve their skills working with other players. "Practicing with the varsity team has let the J.V. players see the success of the volleyball program," McLean said.



Coach McLean gives his players advice as they gather between games. The three minutes gave them time to rest and perfect their strategy for the rest of the match. Freshman James Chiu said, "Everyone played hard and stayed on their feet, and we earned the games we won." *Gracie Hudert Photo*



STATS

J.V.

Thomas Dale	0-2	Midlothian
Manchester	0-2	Manchester
L.C. Bird	2-1	Freeman
Clover Hill	2-1	Trinity
Thomas Dale	0-2	L.C. Bird
Mills Godwin	2-0	Clover Hill
Trinity	3-0	Midlothian

Varsity

Thomas Dale	1-2	Freeman	2-1
Manchester	1-2	Monacan	2-1
Monacan	2-0	L.C. Bird	2-0
L.C. Bird	2-1	Clover Hill	2-0
Clover Hill	0-2	Midlothian	2-0
Hermitage	2-0	<u>Districts</u>	
Thomas Dale	2-1	Manchester	2-0
Mills Godwin	1-2	Clover Hill	0-2
Huguenot	2-0	<u>Regionals</u>	
Midlothian	2-0	Varina	2-0
Manchester	2-0	Freeman	1-2

J.V.

Coach's Award: James Chiu, Scott Martin

Varsity

All Dominion District: First Team: Andy Jordan Second Team: Alex Morris, Collin Moore Honorable Mention: Kevin Harrington

All Regional Second Team: Andy Jordan

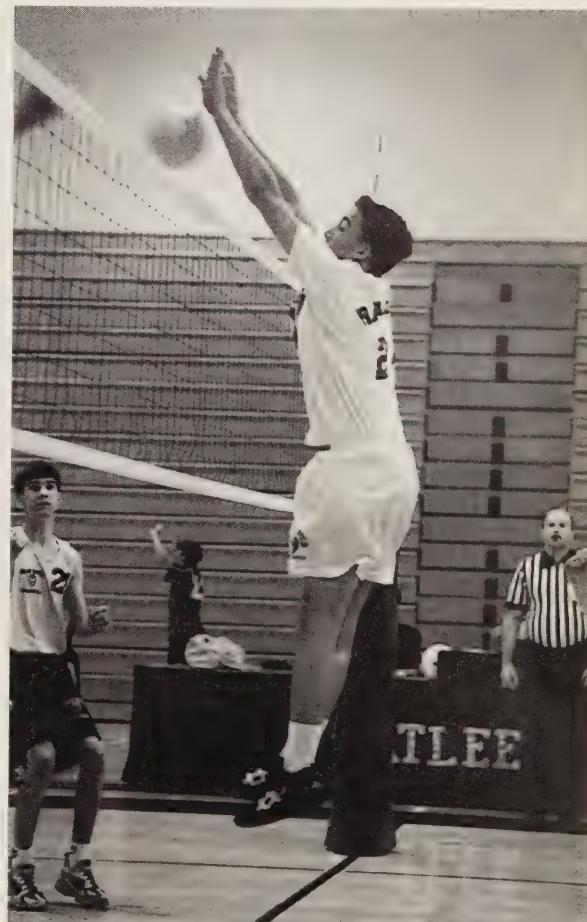
Hustle Award: Bill Tucker

Coach's Award: Kevin Harrington

Collin Moore passes a ball up hit by the other team as senior Bill Tucker stands by ready to help. Moore, a junior, was named to the Second Team All-District. He worked to get a good pass to the setter, so he could attempt a kill, which is a hit the other team cannot play. Moore had 118 kills and 77 blocks during the season, which was a personal record. *Lifetouch Photo*

Junior Varsity players Alex Young and James Young block a hit as Michael Robertson covers. The J. V. team worked to never let the ball hit the floor. As the only two returning players, A. Young and J. Young worked together as co-captains to lead the team to a .500 finish. Looking to the future, sophomore A. Young said, "Next year they will improve greatly on this year's record." *Gracie Hudert Photo*

Senior Andy Jordan blocks a hit by a Clover Hill player during the win which placed the boys in a tie for first. Jordan had 158 kills and 83 blocks this season, setting the seasonal record for the school, and was named to the First Team All-District and the Second Team All-Region. Jordan was excited about the season's many victories and said, "The team's attitude meant a great deal." *Lifetouch Photo*



GO FOR THE GREEN

PUTTING TOWARDS VICTORY

BY: EMILY MAY AND KATE SAUVAIN

Get up, Get up." "Where did it go?" "Slow Down" and "Good hit," are some of the comments that you would have heard if you were a golf ball heading towards the green in the team's matches. In only their third year of play, the Golf team won five matches and placed fourth in Districts, their all time best. Coach Kevin Powers said, "This is our best season yet. We had a lot of really good golfers, but we were up some really against strict competition."

"Our team as a whole did better than last year," said Justin Meyers, who placed second in the Districts and twelfth in Regionals. The team grew in size, as the upperclassmen pushed the freshmen to come to practice, even though they weren't able to compete. In the Clover Hill match, the top six really pulled together and united when they realized that they had the opportunity to beat

the unbeaten.

Strength in birdies and pars brought them through against Bird, but when it comes to their biggest emotional victory, Meyers said, "definitely Monacan." Meyers scored his lowest ever score of one under par. After playing Monacan once, Powers believes they could have beaten them twice if they had heard the bee that stung Jonathan Pittman, making him unable to play the rest of the round.

The team could be spotted every weekday afternoon at Stonehenge Country Club. While prepping for their games, Powers gave them pointers, tips, and strategies on everything from giving the ball some height to fixing ball marks. Jeff Brown said, "Mr. Powers is a good coach. He is nice, helpful and tries to do all he can for the team."



Kevin Roarty cringes as he determines the slope the green. Checking out the bumps and curves in a green is a common practice used to avoid missing the hole while putting. Coach Kevin Powers said, "Golf is 90% mental and 10% physical, you can't just hit the ball, you have to analyze it." *Lifetouch Photo*



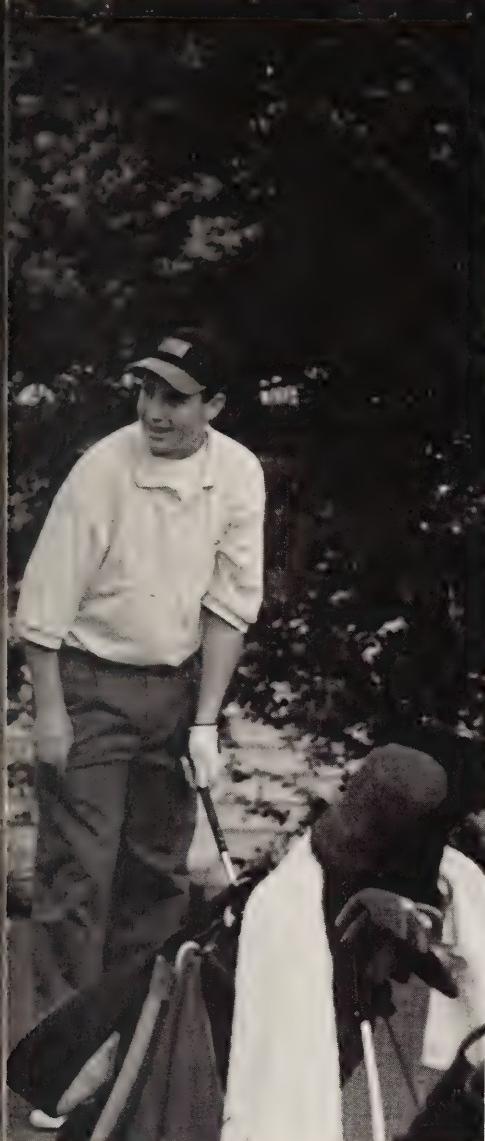
STATS

Manchester	164-156
Monacan	162-157
Clover Hill	165-155
L.C. Bird	158-194
Monacan	165-158
Manchester	170-173
Monacan	166-168
L.C. Bird	170-205
Midlothian	170-161
Clover Hill	169-163
New Kent	169-181
Freeman	169-154

Most Valuable Player: Justin Meyers

Most Improved: Jonathan Pittman

Coach's Award: Jeff Brown



Justin Meyers looks on as one of his teammates tees off. In the Monacan game, Meyers scored one under par, aiding in the team's victory. Meyers said, "My all time favorite golfer would decidedly have to be, Fred Couples," when he was asked about professional golf. Meyers hopes to one day have the chance to play along side his hero as he pursues his dream to play professionally. *Lifetouch photo*

Jeff Brown chips the ball onto the green. Chipping is a mini golf swing that helps to get the ball out of "the trap." When asked about his favorite golfer, he said, "Corey Paven, because he's short but he gets the job done." Though Brown currently has no plans to play professionally, he might get the chance to play on a college team. Brown said, "the hardest thing about golf is handling the pressure situations." *Lifetouch Photo*

Matt Templeton checks out his ball as it goes straight down the middle of the fairway. "Making the ball go straight is not always as easy as it looks, and is perhaps the hardest thing to master in golf," said Coach Powers. Many golfers spend their entire life perfecting their drive to make it go straight, and avoiding problems in the area of unwanted curves and lengths. *Lifetouch Photo*





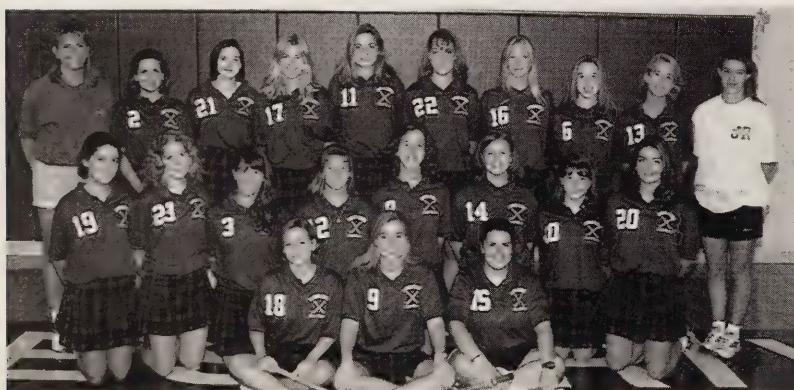
Freshmen Football: First Row: Coach Ferrel, Phil Bujtas, Martin Heineke, Brad Turner, Mike Poerstel, Eric Taylor, Robert Miller, Mike D'Eredita, Greg Marsh, Rick Overbey, Mario Allen, Terry Mosteller, Coach A.J. Second Row: Matt Dowdy, Hitesh Patel, Larry Walston, Joe Oley, Mark Fiore, Jay Sowers, Robert Grosch, Allen Stowell, Jordan Booth, Nick Burton, J.R. Rodriguez, Kelly McMahon Third Row: Coach Lawson, Tommy Walton, Greg Barker, Clay Morris, Matt Cook, Franklin Davenport, Brian Flaherty, James Vlasidis, Brian Tubbs, Jarred Mason, Justin Madra, Hugh Hoo-Fatt, Jason Paley, Coach Teese



Varsity Football: First Row: Coach Rich Fenlock, Jaye Price, Patrick Felts, Marvin Williams, James Coward, Antoine Mayfield, Matt Howell, Alex Mason, Reggie Greene, Greg Guy, George Kruse, Kenny Long, Coach Vatel Dixon Second Row: Shannon Delany, Anwar Edwards, AJ Lawrence, Jermar Stith, Jeff Hester, Bill Costley, Ray Price, Thomas Benton, Joel Wedd, Alex Savino, Che Johnson, Jason Korneke Third Row: Coach Bob Magill, Adam Giles, Jonathan Rupert, Bradley Marsh, Randy Hand, Andrew Federspiel, Greg Rapp, Adam Dowdy, Greg Steinburg, Will Phenix, Jason Jones, Chris King, Matt Miffleton, Sean Martin, Coach Joe Ferrel



JV Field Hockey: First Row: Becky Ledford, Carrie Shreve, Cathy Burgess, Becky Jordan, Carol Juhn, Ashley Wood, Ginny Jones Second Row: Brook Stafford, Jenny Cross, Kara O'Connel, Meg Turner, Carolyn Heuser, Jacklyn Bailey Third Row: Marcy Brown, Megan Willis, Jackie Ledford, Kelly Clinton, Lindsey Horlacher, Susan Longest, Teresa Feher, Linda McGreevy, Jennifer Jordan



Varsity Field Hockey: First Row: Sara Zambito, Amy Smith, Jill Swim
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Anne Kuhn, Emily Seay, Margo Vanderburg, Erin Lee mgr.

Boy's Cross Country: First Row: Aamid Qureshi, Nick Davis, David Mason, La Stockdreher, Josh Cannon, Nate Bick, Drew Stockdreher, Second Row: Evan Claytor, Robbie Kloeti, Josh Cannon, Mitch Jones, Brennon Goodrich, Adam Draucker, Travis Jones, Vin Pacific, Evan Cotter, Matt Koch, Keion Boyd, Michael Andrews, B.J. Gradwell Third Row: Carter Graham, Lee Smoyer, David McGreevy, Kenneth Kolakowski, Patrick Goff, Joe Szostek, Chris Brumfield, Michael Carlton, Nick Bogner, Matt Goldstein, Andy Wetzler, Byron Coghill, Justin Pittman, Marcus Weisner



Boy's JV Volleyball: First Row: Ryan Clarke, Mike Robertson, Alex Young, James Young, Ryan Walsh Second Row: Brad Capps, James Chiu, William Davis, Matt Merson, Graham Smithson, Scott Martin, Coach Jim McClean



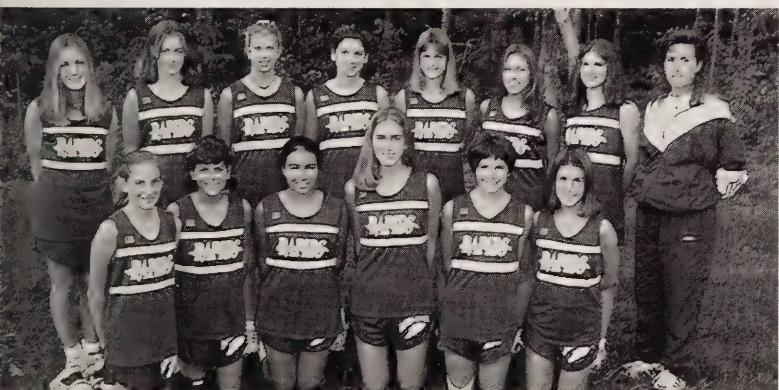
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Girl's JV Volleyball: First Row: Carrie Mason, F. Sheteka Ross, Cameron Jennings, Lily Lambert, Carolyn Tucker, Ashley White, Emily Roper Second Row: Stacy Bugara, Uzo Ugwu, Nicole Rempkowski, Anna Cafazza, Dana Hopkins, Heather Ellis, Laurie Stark, Leah Berkowitz Third Row: Coach Ray Green, Erin Nance, Teri Litchford, Rachel Tokarz, Jenna Eddy, Abbey Barker, Danielle Crayton, Rebecca Doll, Jennifer Newman, Coach Suzanne Wille



Girl's Varsity Volleyball: First Row: Coach Terry Sue Gault Second Row: Coach Suzanne Wille, Gracie Hudert mgr., Sarah Hilderbrand mgr., Carter Gault mgr, Coach Ray Green Third Row: Kelly Athanasiou, Devon Mills, Morgan Blackwood, Becky Miller, Lin Chiu, Mary Scott, Stacy Miller Third Row: Lisa Bradley, Ivey Lian, Martha O'Dell, Ginnie Manley, Abbie Franks, Christine Clay, Nona Lee



Girl's Cross Country: First Row: Leah Easter, Lindsay VanDyke, Prissy Gonzalez, Beth Moon, Jacqui Hawkins, Becky Brocato Back Row: Tracy Carroll, Cristin Harrington, Susan Heuser, Lindsay Ellis, Brianne Tinsley, Anna Brnilovich, Nicole Reyes

RUNNIN' RAPIDS

"GREAT 8" STANDS PROUD

When you hear the words track and field what do you think of? The Olympics in Atlanta or the Arthur Ashe Center? If you said Arthur Ashe, you're right. The Girls and Boys Indoor Track Team called that multipurpose facility home for many Friday and Saturday nights last winter.

Although the girls had only eight runners, "they worked hard and stuck together," said freshman Amy Gediman. This year the girls team was smaller than ever. With the handicap of such a small team the girl came out okay in the end. They placed fourth in the District meet with all eight succeeding to the Regional meet. "The girls worked hard, and I could tell their hearts were in their events. Working with my 8 girls was a great joy," said Coach Vatel Dixon. Dixon later named the team "Great 8" for their accomplishments.

Captains Katie Foster, Barrett Wright, Shannon Delaney and Lake Stockdreher led both teams in practicing everyday. The practices consisted of sprinting, long distance runs and weight lifting. Coach Dixon also had the athletes performing at their full potential at each meet. Senior Lake Stockdreher said, "Hard work pays off."

Both teams broke records. Gediman broke the 300 meter record by running a 45.2 second time. "It surprised me that Amy ran so well for a freshman. You run against more people and it gets pretty intimidating," said freshman Patrick Goff. The girls 4x200 relay and Lake Stockdreher broke David Spiller's two mile record.

Vatel Dixon had his sight set on the Dominion District Champions but came in 2nd with the boys and 4th with the girls. "It really makes me proud to be the coach of the 'Runnin' Rapids'."



Striving to be the best, Antione Mayfield clears the high jump bar with ease. Mayfield competed in the District, Regional and State Championships. He was also named Athlete of the Year in the District and State Tournaments. He also placed in the top ranking of the state in his Regional and State performances. *Barrett Wright Photo*





Senior Adam Draucker passes a Clover Hill runner. Draucker competed in four invitationals, as well as the District and Regional Championships. Draucker ran the 1000 meters and was a member of the 4x800 meter relay team. *Lifetouch Photo*



Senior Shannon Delaney concentrates on the track while working on his starting form for an upcoming meet. Delaney's events included the fifty-five meter dash, the long and triple jump and the 4 x 200 meter relay. He lead the boys team to many victories while organizing and leading the team as the captain. Lake Stockdreher was his co-captain. *Barrett Wright Photo*

Handing off to Alexis Vann, Katie Foster helps the 4 x 200 team become successful in the District and Regional Championships. Other members of the team were Cathy Burgess and Amy Gediman. Each day at practice the girls worked constantly on their handoffs. "I enjoyed working with the other three girls. It gave me a chance to critique them while they did the same for me," said sophomore Cathy Burgess. *Lifetouch Photo*

Coach Vatel Dixon works his magic during practice. Cathy Burgess listens to what he has to say. Burgess came to place in the top 6 in all her meets. Her events included 4 x 200 relay, long, triple jumps, 4 x 400 relay and the 55 meter dash. "I love working with Cathy as well as other members of the team. Her older sister ran the 4x200 last year, and I see a lot of her talent in Cathy," said Coach Dixon. *Barrett Wright Photo*



TOO CLOSE

RAPIDS SECOND IN STATE

BY: ROBIN GLASCO, BETH MOON, IRENE VLASIDIS

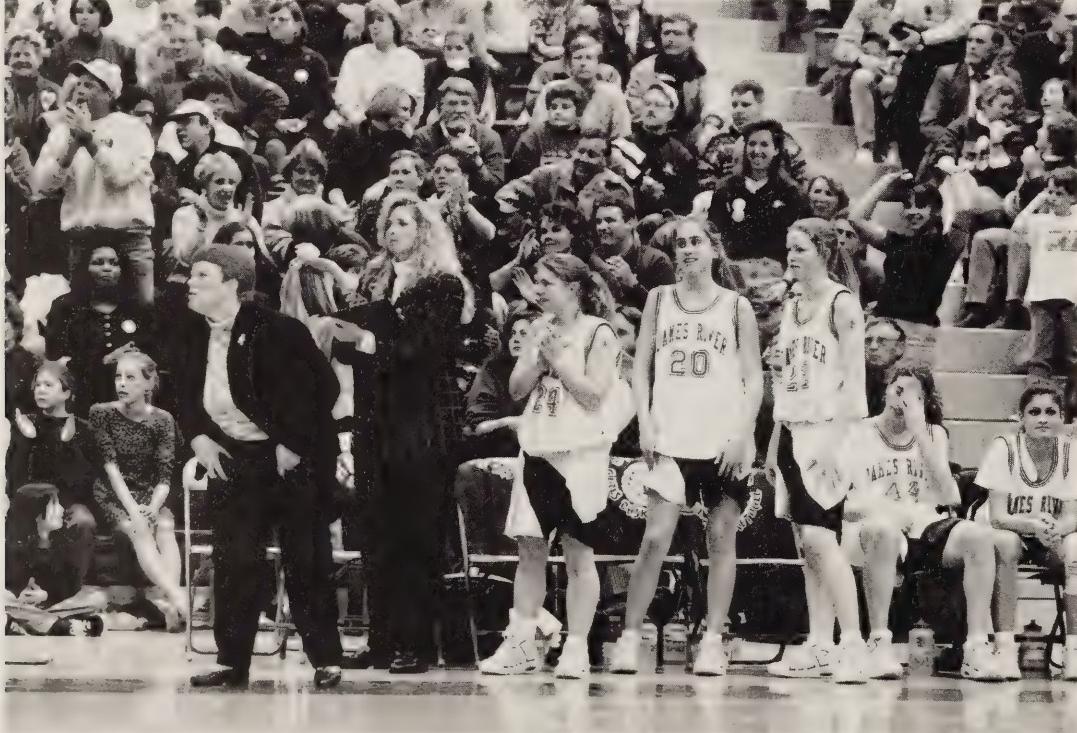
Have you ever played in a state final? Well, the girl's Varsity Basketball team can say they did.

The Varsity team set new records despite the loss of many seniors. The team was led by tri-captains Katie Tracy, Tiffany Carter and Jaye Marolla. They won the Richmond Times Dispatch In-Sync Tournament by defeating rival Midlothian with a score of 76-39. The regular season ended with a victory over Midlothian, forcing a tie for first place. The girls defeated Midlothian in the play-off game and then again in the District Tournament to become District Champions. They then went on to win the region by beating Patrick Henry, John Marshall, Petersburg and then Midlothian once again.

After beating Kempsville in the first round of States, the ladies faced unbeaten and nationally

ranked Menchville and defeated them with a score of 53-58. By defeating Menchville in the semifinals, they became the first team in school history to compete in a state championship game. In this game the girls lost to West Springfield 53-47. The Rapids led after three quarters but just could not pull it out in the end. Point guard Katie Tracy was named State Player of the Year.

After losing many players to the Varsity team, the Junior Varsity had to call on freshmen and new sophomores to step up and play key roles. At midseason Coach LaDonna Meade was asked to come in and take over the team. After losing two consecutive games the team ended with a record of 11-2. About her season and her team, Meade said, "It has been a challenge but a welcomed one. I love coaching basketball, and these are smart, hard working young ladies."



The Rapid coaches and players cheer on their team during the final regular season game against Midlothian. As part of Senior Night Tiffanie Carter, Nedria Connor, Martha O'Dell and Katie Tracy were recognized for their contributions to the team. After a speech by Mike Rose commending Tracy for her contributions to the community, her number ten jersey was retired, and she was given a dozen roses. *Lifetouch Photo*





STATS

JV	Varsity	
Atlee	36-9	42-7
Lee Davis	65-21	86-7
Monacan	47-33	65-37
Lee Davis	45-22	48-12
Clover Hill	39-35	37-34
L.C. Bird	38-40	76-39
Huguenot	35-47	45-37
Midlothian	52-36	60-28
Monacan	43-23	60-55
Manchester	41-18	57-65
Clover Hill	51-29	64-46
Godwin	48-24	74-45
L.C. Bird	46-26	59-31
Huguenot	57-44	46-35
Freeman	36-34	67-57
Manchester	33-27	90-40
Midlothian	42-35	73-47
	Midlothian	61-43
	George Wythe	83-18
	Huguenot	72-45
	Midlothian	55-35

Sara Susbury coaches the Girl's Varsity team during a time-out. Time outs were used to change game plans or to point out strengths and weaknesses in the teams play. During time-outs the players also had a chance to sit down and take a breather since the tempo of every game was so fast. This timeout was in the overtime loss to Dominion District rival Midlothian. *Lifetouch Photo*

Senior Katie Tracy concentrates on shooting her free-throw during the game against Midlothian. The girls were defeated in overtime but were given a chance later in the season to redeem themselves. After defeating Midlothian in the District Tournament, Tracy was named Dominion District Player of the Year for the third straight year. *Lifetouch Photo*

Freshman Andrea Roberson takes a lay-up and scores two points to help the JV team to a victory over Midlothian. This was Roberson's first season playing for the Rapids, and she worked hard enough to get herself into the starting lineup. The JV Rapids defeated rival Midlothian in every meeting. They finished their season with a record of 11-2. *Lifetouch Photo*



HOW TO PLAY TOUGH

PLAYING WITH THE TOUGH GUYS

By: Kaiser Virani and Hope Baker

Playing basketball in high school is not as easy as you think it is," said freshman Dyrae Gambrell. During the season the players and Coach Wayne Morris realized that there were many things that needed to be improved in order to be a good team. "In order to improve, Coach Morris taught us a lot about the game and the things we didn't know. He also stuck with us even though we didn't have the best year," said freshman Jonathan Nystrom. Practices usually began with running or discussions of what needed to be done for improvement in the game. "The attitude of the players towards me was good and bad. We have tried to work out our differences to improve, but it was nothing that could not be worked out," said Coach Morris.

Five days a week for two hours after school, the sounds of basketballs bouncing and the yells of

ninth and tenth graders filled the gym, as the Junior Varsity Basketball team held their practices. The players began practice by shooting, stretching and running drills and ended with free throws and conditioning.

Several rivals provided for close games during the basketball season. "All the JV teams in the Dominion District were very strong this year, but our biggest rivals were definitely Midlothian and Manchester," said Coach Jim McLean. To help the boys improve both as a team and as individuals, McLean had conversations with the players. "The attitude of the JV players for the most part has been good," he said.

Overall, the JV basketball team finished with a 10-7 record. "I am proud of their achievements and expect big things out of them in the future," said McLean.



Aaron Jackson prepares to shoot the ball in the basket in a Junior Varsity game against the Clover Hill Cavaliers. The JV players ended up winning the game 50-47, with Jackson scoring eight points. The JV team finished the season with an overall record of 10-7. *Lifetouch Photo*



STATS

JV

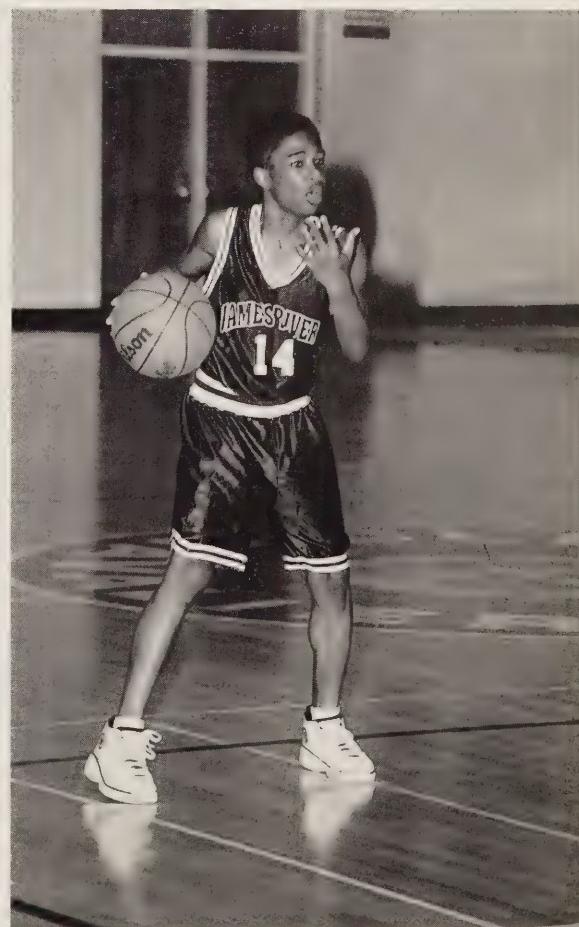
Meadowbrook	51-60
George Wythe	53-49
Monacan	53-42
George Wythe	44-59
Varina	65-55
Clover Hill	59-53
L.C. Bird	49-43
Meadowbrook	53-54
Huguenot	73-65
Midlothian	55-63
Monacan	49-63
Manchester	66-84
Clover Hill	50-47
L.C. Bird	59-54
Huguenot	63-51
Manchester	68-65
Midlothian	52-54



Freshman basketball player Todd Davis shoots the ball to the basketball hoop. The basketball team practices these kinds of moves regularly to perfect them. During the practices the teams discussed improvements that they needed to make in order to be a good team. During the season the boys freshman basketball players were led by Coach Wayne Morris. *Lifetouch Photo*

During a time out in a basketball game, the Junior Varsity team huddles around Coach Jim McLean. They discuss plans and moves they're going to use to attack the opposite team. Strategy is an important part in such a competitive sport. They also plan out moves and plays that can be used during the games in advance in their practices with the coach and their teammates. *Lifetouch Photo*

Freshman player James Edwards plans quickly what his next move is going to be during the freshman game against Clover Hill. The freshman team practiced nearly every day after school by shooting and running drills. In order to improve, practice often began with discussions of previous games and ended with scrimmages and free throws. *Lifetouch Photo*



FLYING HIGH

THE TEAM'S SPIRIT SOARS HIGH

By: Sarah Anderson

The thing that made our season so great was that we all had such a good time," said junior Aaron Seelman. Seelman continued, "Granted, it was hard work, but our spirit and teamwork was really great." Beginning with summer the team got together early with hope that the early practicing would help them as a whole.

The leading head coach, Chuck Collins', dedication to their game, despite his own struggle with leukemia, is evidence of from where the team's spirit originates. The team chose to play disco music while they warmed up at home games to help get them "pumped up." For the first three games which were at home, the guys started out with two wins and one loss against Manchester.

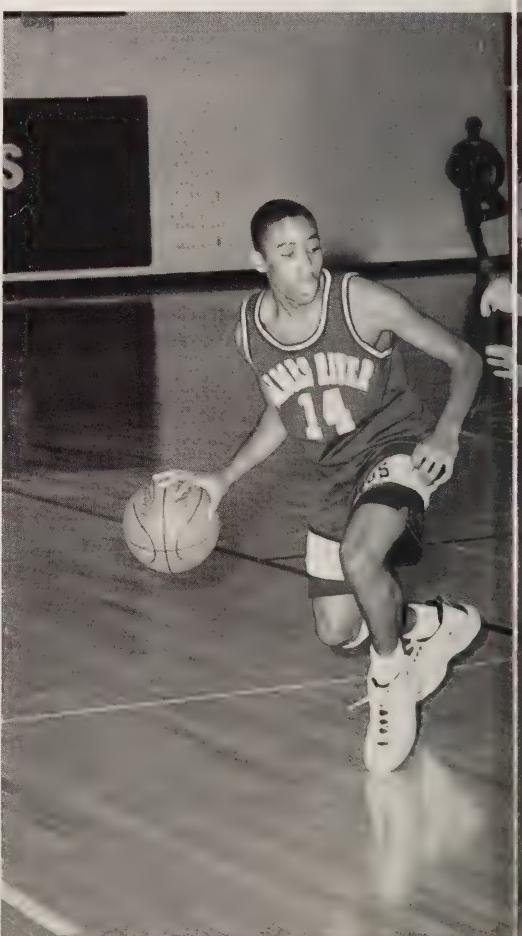
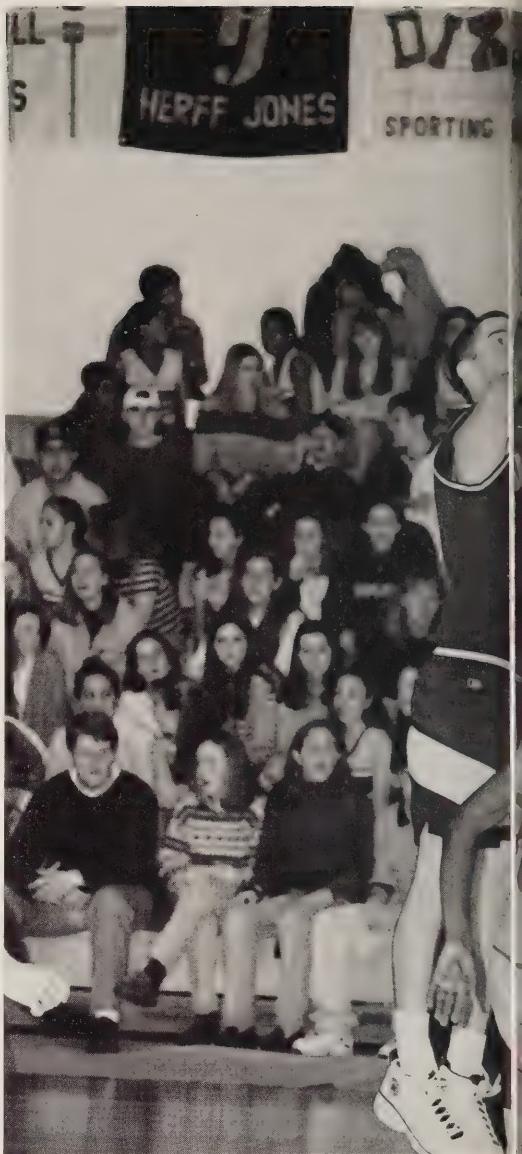
Senior tri-captain Scott Lucas said, "It was hard sitting out on the sidelines my senior year with my broken ankle and all, but I was glad that the

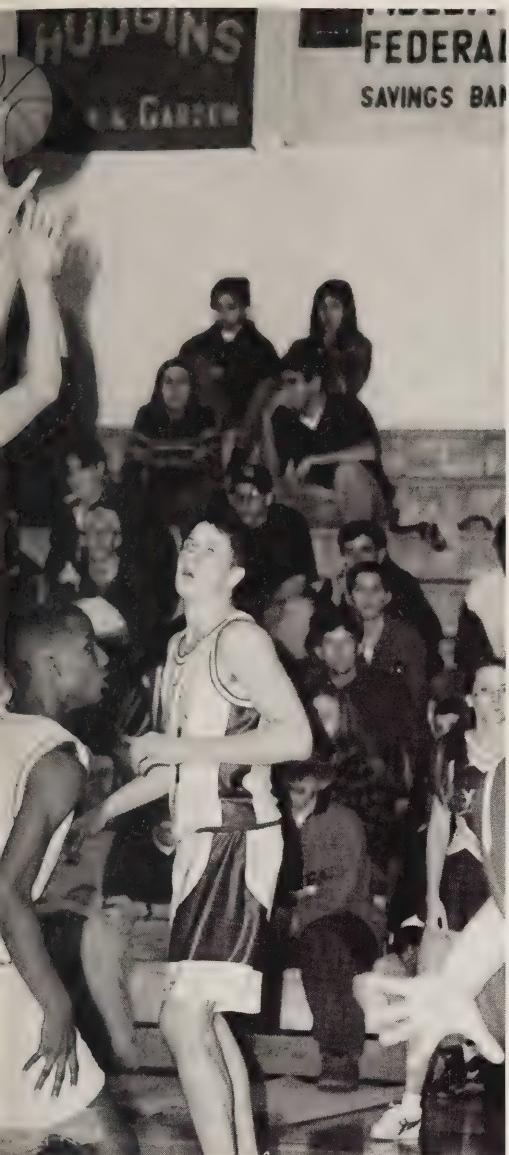
team had so many wins." This season, three of the starting players were injured; Lucas who was out until after winter break, Joey Powell who sprained an ankle and Kevin Swann who hurt his ankle during a game against Midlothian. The team, however, was able to pull together and substitute players to win.

Throughout the season, they participated in the InSync Tournament and another in Altoona, Pennsylvania, both of which ended in one win and one loss. The first game of the District Tournament was matched against Huguenot in the first game. The boys lost once again by a small region of points, putting them out of the contest. Despite their unfortunate battle at districts, the team finished with an overall 9 to 12 record. After the season, the team lost three seniors but will begin practices with new members in the summer.



Coach Chuck Collins and Assistant Coach Greg Domisse coach the team as the players cheer them on. James River was the home team for the first games of the InSync Holiday Tournament. The Rapids lost to Petersburg in a close 68-74 game. *Dalison Harris Photo*





STATS

Meadowbrook	70-52
George Wythe	58-64
Monacan	48-47
George Wythe	42-67
Petersburg	68-74
Monacan	57-49
Clover Hill	57-40
L.C. Bird	59-61
Meadowbrook	51-43
Huguenot	63-75
Midlothian	39-45
Monacan	50-64
Manchester	65-56
Clover Hill	51-49
L.C. Bird	64-62

All Dominion District First Team: Kevin Swann

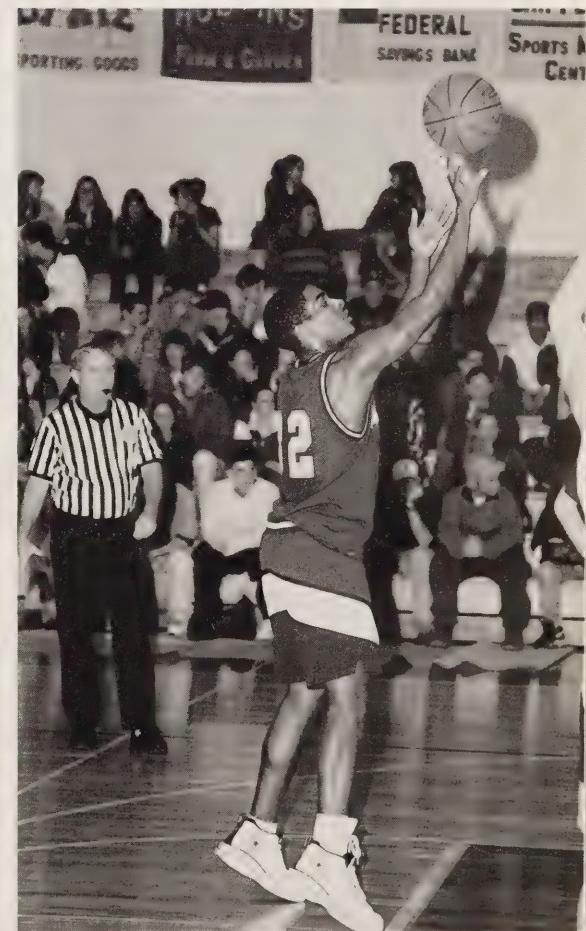
Altoona Holiday All Tournament First Team: Kevin Swann

Dominion District Co-Coach of the Year: Coach Chuck Collins

Senior tri-captain Scott Lucas shoots for a two-point basket against the Clover Hill Cavaliers. Both games that were played against Clover Hill resulted in a Rapid victory. Lucas was the leading rebounder in the latter of the two; the first time around he was injured. The final score of the game was 51-49. Lucas plans to attend Virginia Tech next year, and he said, "I will really miss playing basketball." *Lifetouch Photo*

Joey Amado runs past the Clover Hill defense. The team was able to defeat them in a close game. Amado has played for the Varsity team for two years. He and teammate David Powers have been the only two players to play as freshmen on the Varsity team. During the season, Powers played as a junior, while Amado played as only a sophomore. *Lifetouch Photo*

Senior Kevin Swann, the team's captain for the past two years, shoots a foul shot. This season Swann played twenty-one games and scored seventy-one out of ninety-seven foul shots. His average game consisted of scoring eighteen and a half points. Other leading scorers for the team were senior Scott Lucas and junior Joey Powell, who lead the team with averages of eight points. *Lifetouch Photo*



GET A GRIP! WRESTLERS BUST THROUGH YEAR

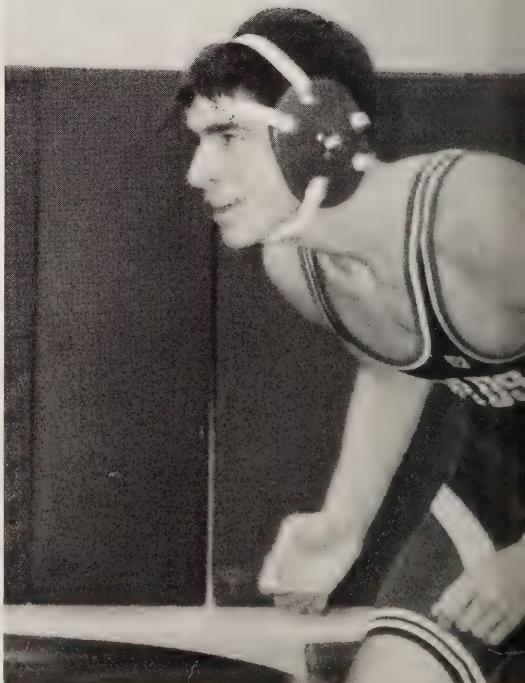
By Richard Laning and Jason Conzalino

Get him, Get him, Slam him hard! The wrestling team was coached by Joe England and housed sixteen wrestlers on JV and Varsity. The Varsity team was composed of six veteran wrestlers and six first year wrestlers. Four first year wrestlers made up the JV team. The two-hundred and fifteen pounders and the one hundred sixty pounder weight classes had no wrestlers represented in them, so these points were given up to all opponents that the team faced. Several matches were particularly remembered as being close including Monacan's win of only three points and Clover Hill's win by only seven points. "We have six very talented wrestlers, but we lack a balanced team, and so we give up too many pins [worth six points a piece] due to just lack of experience," said England. The lack of experience he spoke of is the inclusion of the

six first year wrestlers in the Varsity team. This was attributed to the return rate; only seven of the ten wrestlers eligible for the season returned to wrestle. These positions consequently had to be filled. "The team is very strong even though we have many new wrestlers that aren't very experienced. They needed time in the JV to sharpen their skills. In the Varsity field you make one of these mistakes and you lose," said Brad Behnke. Some wrestlers were optimistic despite all pending difficulties. "I knew we had a good chance in the district finals," said Chris Antonellini. Several Varsity wrestlers did receive individual honors. Josh Goad was District Champion and second in the Region. Chris Antonellini finished third in the Districts and the Region. Finally, Brad Behnke ended the season as first in both the Districts and the Region.



Chris Antonellini controls his opponent while attempting a pin as Coach England looks on and cheers. The referees often spent as much time on the mat as the wrestlers in order to see all the action and pick up the moves completed by the wrestlers. Each move completed by the wrestlers counted for a set number of points and these points decided the winner if there was no pin. A pin was worth six points, while a decision was only worth four. *Lifetouch Photo*



STATS

Varsity

Monacan	36-39
Clover Hill	33-40
L.C. Bird	46-34
Meadowbrook	45-30
Matoaca	48-21
Huguenot	60-15
Manchester	24-41
Midlothian	32-41
George Wythe	66-3



Josh Goad finds himself a little tangled up during this match. Even though he was on top of his opponent, he still could have lost this match due to the fact that his opponent had both of his arms and one of his legs. As Goad found out with a little determination and hard work this situation can be fixed and the match can still turn in your favor. He later defeated this Byrd High School wrestler with a pin. *Lifetouch Photo*

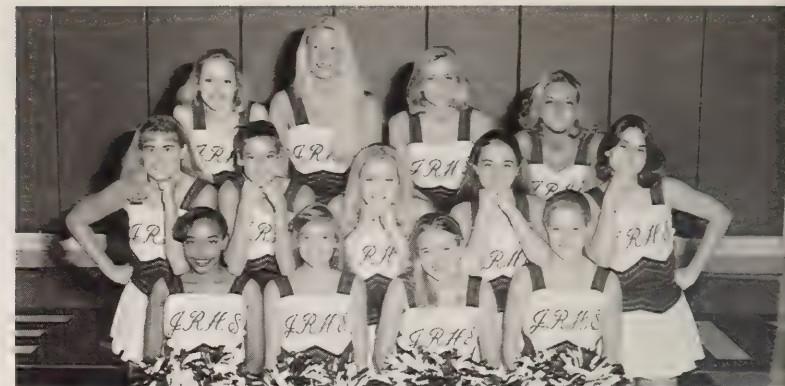
JV wrestler Chris Miller participates in an extra practice after a wrestling match by setting up a self imposed wrestling match with some of his teammates. The team wrestled against each other after a match to further expand on practices after school. Some referees volunteered to officiate the wrestlers and treated the practice as if it were a real match. The hope was that the wrestlers could help each other. *Jason Conzalino Photo*

Adam Dowdy seems to be in a position of control over his opponent in this match. He at this point had his opponent immobilized by grabbing both his head and his predominant leg, controlling the opponents balance. Dowdy also had the honor of being the first wrestler in history to win a match. Among other honors he was named to the Dominion District All Academic Team. *Lifetouch Photo*





JV Cheerleaders: First Row: Michelle Spiers, Camellia Goldsborough Second Row: Ann Goodman, Jenese Reid, Joanna Swett, Jessica Pfeiffer, Katy Williams Third Row: Maureen Powers, Katie Robbins, Latoya Taylor Fourth Row: Anne Severin, Jenni Goad



Varsity Cheerleaders: First Row: Leslie Shelton, Susan Monks, Laura Ne ton, Beverly Nuckles Second Row: Jenny Sykes, Sarah Anderson, Kristi Garner, Ellie McGee, Sarah Lancaster Third Row: Katie Wagoner, Jodi Pug Laura Keim, Tracy Barton



Rapid Motion Dance Team: First Row: Beth Brocato, Valerie Merwick, Megan Parker, Lauren King Second Row: Melissa Pugh, Catherine Headley, Erin Smith, Juli Robbins, Monica Nelson Third Row: Kristen Cios, Erin McAlister, Amye Dawson, Shelly Sowers Fourth Row: Stephanie Mason, Marie Potter, Amy Goodman



Golf Team : First Row: Alex Hemingway, David Hamm, Beau Brousseau Philip Bininglove, Jeff Brown Second Row: Coach Kevin Powers, Rob MacMeccan, Justin Meyers, Matt Templeton, Jonathan Pittman, Kevin Roar



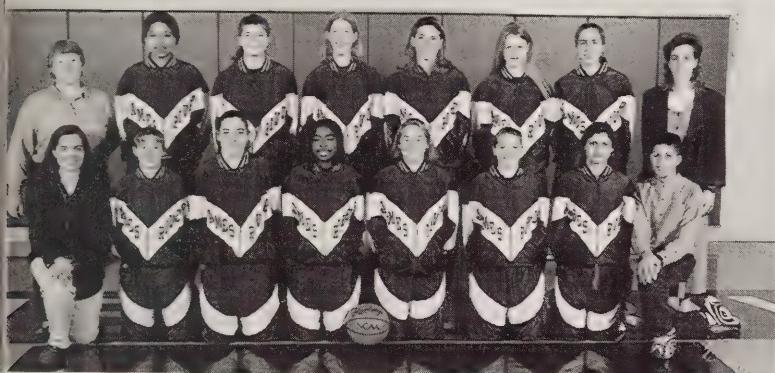
JV Wrestling: First Row: Micke Bradenham, Jon Nuckles, Chris Miller Second Row: Becky Miller mgr., Jeremy Hise, Jon Lowery, James Roberson, Coach Joe England



Varsity Wrestling: First Row: Brad Behnke, Josh Goad, Caleb Powell, Chri Qualls, Chris Fraker, Jeff Brooks Second Row: Coach Joe England, Coach Sebra, Jonathan Rupert, Anwar Edwards, Chris Antonellini, Adam Dowdy John Pulli, Becky Miller mgr.



Boys Varsity Basketball: First Row: Aaron Seelman, David Mason, Joey Mado, Kris Glasco, Alex Mason, Kevin Swann Second Row: Coach Greg Commissie, Joey Powell, Jeff Ridgeway, Andre Ested, Tony Richardson, Terrique Griffen, Scott Lucas, David Powers, Coach Chuck Collins



Girls Varsity Basketball: First Row: Gracie Hudert mgr., Robin Glasco,ive Marolla, Tiffanie Carter, Katie Tracy, Ginnie Manley, Irene Vlasidis,iggle Brown Second Row: Coach Sara Susbury, Nedria Connor, Cat cholson, Cammy Desmond, Martha O'Dell, Abbie Franks, Beth Moon,ach Lisa Haney



Girls Tennis Team: First Row: Mansi Shaw, Maren Riehm, Lindsay Rice, hleen Eyre Second Row: Agnes Toth, Ayren Holter, Cat Nicholson, Abby llen, Shelly Smith, Meredith Britton, Jae K Kwon, Elizabeth Marks, Cassie ers

GET SET, GO!

TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE

BY TIFFANI ROBERSON AND BARRETT WRIGHT

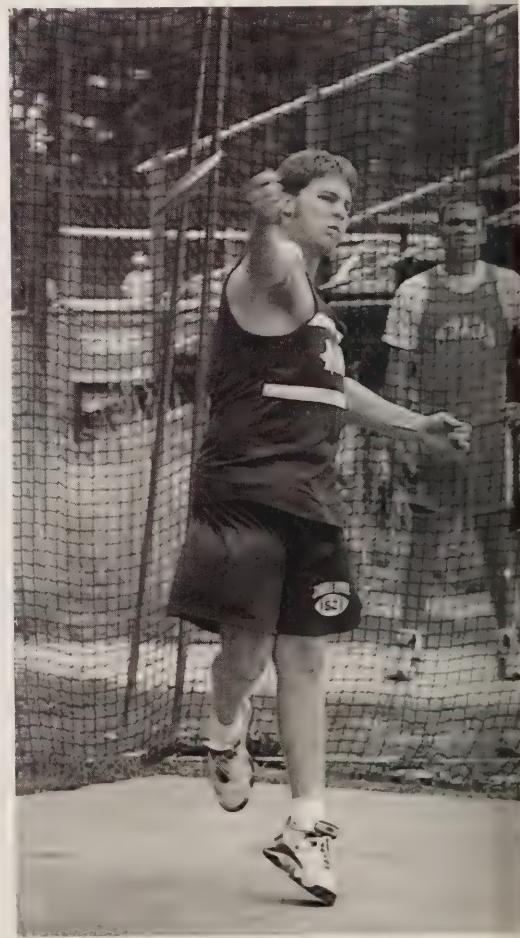
Track and field is a spring sport. It is a time when people come out to compete with their friends in track. There are many skills used to be a good track athlete. Students came out to show their endurance, muscle, strength, energy and most of all, speed. The majority of students who were participants of the track and field team were underclassmen, mainly freshmen. Since it was mainly freshmen, it was a new experience for most of them. "Doing track this year was much different than middle school, but it was a better experience because I had much more competition and much more fun," said Carl Miller. Track is a sport that can help keep people fit and boost self confidence. For some, track was a time to help people get in shape for the summer time. "Track helped me get in shape, and I feel better about myself," said Ashley Harris. Track

was also competitive way to have fun by incorporating socialization and at the same time hard work. The new students used the time they had on track to socialize with friends, as well as make new friends. "I made a whole lot of new friends while I was on the track team, and I stayed in shape," said Amy Cowan.

Track, however, was not solely dependent on the ability of the runners but also on the coaching staff. Rashada Pullen said, "It is easy to have a good and successful team when you have as great of coaches as the track team had." The team had three coaches including Vatel Dixon, Bernadine Spencer and Jerry Price. The coaches, as well as the participants, worked hard to have a successful season. Together Everyone Achieves More, otherwise known as a team, is what every track athlete came to be.



Freshman captain Amy Gediman receives welcome help after her 200 meter race from Coach Price. Gediman broke the 200 meter record earlier in the season. Gediman ran a 26.9 second time, which made it difficult to beat her in dual meets. Gediman came in fourth place in the District in the 100 meters and fifth in the 200 meters. *Barrett Wright Photo*





Sophomores Keion Boyd and Evan Claytor await the start of the 800 meter run. Boyd ran a time of 2:04 at the Appomatox Invitational. Claytor and Boyd also ran on relay teams for the Rapids. *Barrett Wright Photo*



Senior and co-captain Shannon Delaney stretches to his peak in the triple jump. Delaney came to finish in the top six in the District meet with a jump of 42' and 4". This helped him to advance to the Regional meet, where he competed in the semifinals and finals. Along with Delaney, Aaron Jackson, Antoine Mayfield and Jeff Ridgeway also competed in the Regional Championships. *Lifetouch Photo*

Senior Joel Wedd hurls the discus for a sixth place finish in the District Championships. Wedd also competed in the "Weight-Mans" relay, which is a race for shot and discus throwers to run in and help their team receive more points. Other members of that team were Kelly Davis, Matt Koch and Greg Barker. They finished in fourth place and gave the Rapids an extra boost, which helped put them over the top. *Lifetouch Photo*

Junior Emily Seay receives the baton from the first leg, Lindsay Van Dyke, in the 4 x 800 meter relay. The girls finished sixth in the District and eighth in the Regional meet at Hermitage High School. Other members of the team were Shelby Maldonado and Carolyn Heuser. Heuser also ran on the 4 x 400 meter relay team, which also placed in the District meet. *Barrett Wright Photo*



A SWING ABOVE BASEBALL FINDS ITS STRIDE

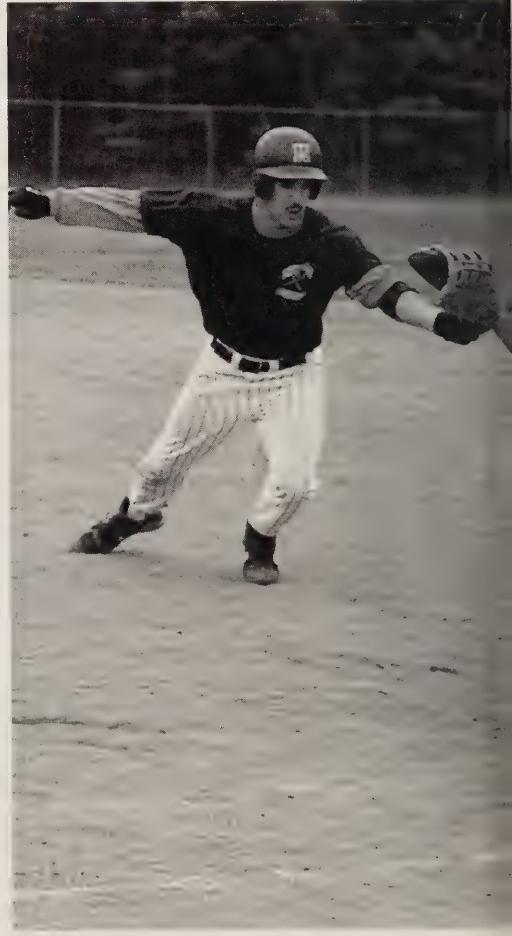
BY: RICHARD LANING

The sweat, the blood, the tears, the agony of defeat, the exhilaration of winning. The school housed both a JV and a Varsity baseball team that encompassed fifteen players. Tubby Pace coached the Varsity team and Paul Koch served as the assistant coach. The JV team was coached by Frank Jenkins. The teams were under the student leadership of Clay Lambert and Jim Swenson. "Baseball is becoming a serious sport with good players practicing all year round. It has gotten to become a year round sport and good teams treat it as such," said Tubby Pace. Several problems fell on the teams during the season, including the length of the season, which lead to a "slump" mid-season. "We had an above average beginning and won more games than we expected. Unfortunately, the year seemed to drag on, and it showed in the boys' attitudes and faces.

We fortunately warmed back up for the end of the season, winning some more games but missed our entrance into districts by losing to Midlothian," said Koch. The team had to rely heavily on its defense, a change from previous years when offense was the chief weapon. "We had to play a "short game" relying on a win of one or two runs, and our defense helped us do this," said senior player Casey Hagen. The future of the team was showcased by some up and coming talent. "Freshman Brad Turner on third base was a big surprise this year, starting almost every game. He has worked hard," said Koch. There was some humor, however, when in a game at the bottom of the ninth inning both teams left the field on the second out, believing the game was over when it was only the second out! The Varsity finished with an eleven and seven record.



First baseman Jim Swenson prepares to tag a Monacan player out. Swenson has been with the team since the school opened. "He has taken the role as the offensive team leader, something beneficial to every team," said assistant coach Paul Koch. He finished the season with a batting average of .405 and 13 RBIs. *Lifetouch Photo*



STATS

Varsity

Thomas Dale	10-5
Midlothian	0-11
L.C. Bird	7-2
Huguenot Academy	2-1
Clover Hill	4-6
Manchester	0-10
Huguenot	15-0
Thomas Dale	4-7
George Wythe	15-0
Monacan	2-1
Midlothian	3-2
L.C. Bird	5-15
Clover Hill	1-0
Manchester	8-9
Huguenot	15-0
Monacan	3-4

All Academic Nominations: Jim Swenson, Clay Lambert, Eric Shaffer, Brad Turner



Catcher Zack Hunt squats down and waits for another strike to come across home plate. The team went on to win this game by catching a couple of runners on their way home. "We are expecting big things out of him in future years. In some ways he could almost solely handle the responsibility now, despite his youth as only a sophomore," said Paul Koch. *Lifetouch Photo*



Ryan Walsh takes a lead off first base in hopes of stealing second. This is ironic in that Walsh is the first baseman of the JV team. Walsh is likely to move up to the Varsity team in future years and is likely to become the first baseman at that level as well. This is the most active base position because every runner must touch the base and the baseman consequently must be able to catch and throw rapidly. *Walsh Photo*

Varsity pitcher Joey Leadbetter pitches a fast ball for the out. Leadbetter was a senior this year, so it was his last year as a pitcher for the school. "Leadbetter has been with our team since its induction year and was one of the players utilized to form the ball club. We have to thank him for some of our success," said Paul Koch. He finished the season with a 3.21 ERA and gave up only 17 runs. *Lifetouch Photo*



LIVING IT UP

SOFTBALL WORKS ITS WAY UP

BY COLLIN QUINN

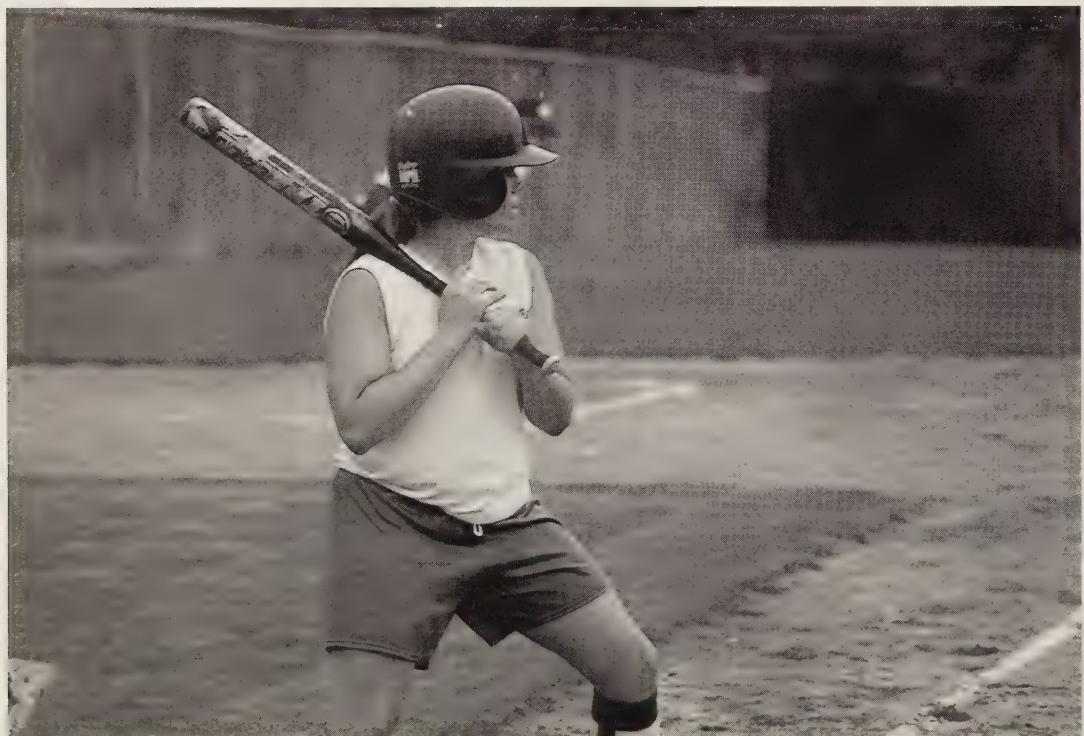
The spirit and pride of this years team has shown that it was known for its talent and skill. Both Varsity and Junior Varsity have had good seasons and worked their way to the top in the season. The Varsity team went on to the District tournament. "No one ever expected us to do as well as we did. We came out and showed that we do had the talent to be a championship team," said junior Kelly Rust.

The Varsity team proved many critics wrong by finishing the regular season with a 7-1 season and achieving the honor of being the first softball team to claim the district title for James River. The young team, which had 10 underclassmen and 3 upperclassmen, showed they have what it took to win.

Tri-Captains Evie Carchmen, Kim Ellis and Jackie Ledford gave leadership to the younger girls and

set a example for the future teams . The team finished with a record of 17-4 after losing to Manchester in the final of the Dominion District Championship. Coach Melillo was pleased with the team and said, "We have a lot of new young players who know how to play the game."

The young JV team has shown that they too have the potential to work to the top. Under the coaching of Barbara Parella the team has showed determination for their wins. Many eighth graders have joined the team and learned from the 7 other players. The team concentrated on basic technique to improve their game. Batting averages and over all improvement let the team finish out the season by overcoming their weaknesses. "This team showed many people that this team had talent and perseverance," said coach Barbara Parella.



Kelly Rust prepares to bat during the Dominion District finals. Rust transferred from Monacan for her junior year and has added to the team's knowledge of the game. Both teams used their enthusiasm for the game to prepare for games throughout the season. *Lifetouch Photo*



STATS

JV

Meadowbrook
Midlothian
L.C. Bird
Clover Hill
Manchester
Lousia
Freeman
Monacan
Midlothian
L.C. Bird
Clover Hill
Hopewell
Manchester
Lee Davis
Monacan

9-10	Meadowbrook	6-2
7-13	Midlothian	5-4
3-4	L.C. Bird	5-4
17-2	Clover Hill	12-1
4-9	Manchester	1-0
7-13	Lousia	+3
15-5	Freeman	2-0
0-11	Monacan	1-0
8-14	Clover Hill	3-4
4-11	Hopewell	10-3
11-6	Manchester	+3
4-2	L.C. Bird	5-4
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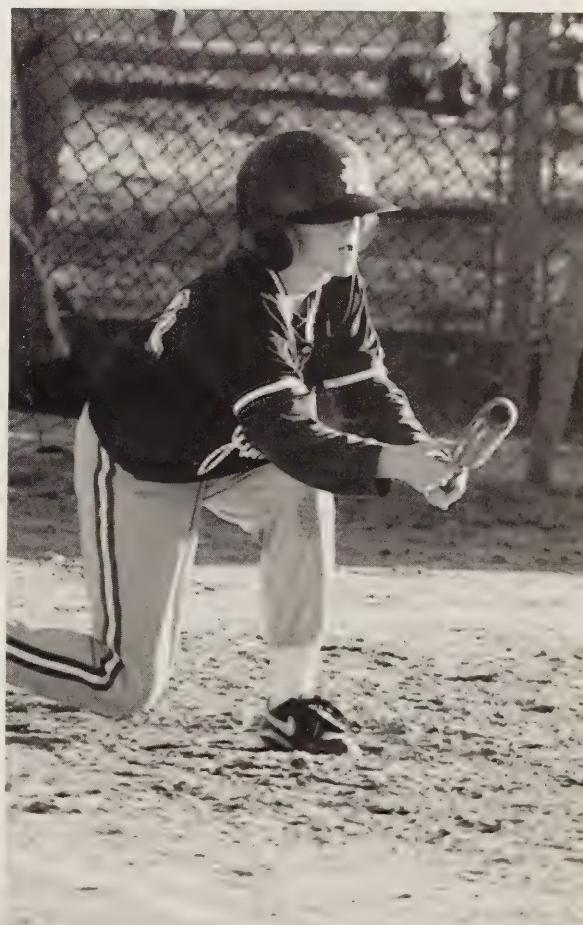
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Jane Wells steps up to the plate and bats against Manchester in the Championship game for the Dominion District title. The game ended in defeat but the young team will be back again next year. The team started seven underclassmen and only two upperclassmen. The team will lose only one senior and can only hope for a promising season next year. *Lifetouch Photo*

Michelle Arther runs down the base line to first base. For many new players fast pitch took some getting used to but both teams' batting averages improved as the season went on. Many players were able to become used to the new pitching in practice off the their own pitchers. Rust was the Varsity team's starting pitcher. This season Rust pitched a one-hitter and pitched three shut outs. *Lifetouch Photo*

Eighth grader Denise Potter sets up for a bunt. Bunting is a technique used to move runners up in the bases. Bunting was one of the skills used in games and worked on in practice. Playing on Junior Varsity teams during eighth grade helped many players gain the experience and skill needed to compete in high school. *Lifetouch Photo*



DOWN THE LINE

BOY'S TENNIS FINDS ALL THE SHOTS

BY: MAREN RIEHM

Bring two cans of tennis balls, a racquet, water, towel and suitable shoes. As the directions on the tryout form stated, tryouts concentrated on the basics of tennis. All eligible boys were to meet at the tennis courts in the beginning of March to strut their stuff for Coach Terri Guedri.

With one of the toughest districts in the state, the Boys Tennis team had a rough road ahead of them. They started their season off with a 9-0 win over Manchester. But the season continued with heated matches against their rivals Midlothian, Monacan and Clover Hill. "Clover Hill's players are really good, so sometimes the matches get really competitive. But since Coach Guedri always stressed good sportsmanship we always keep our cool," said senior Mike Cannady. The boys ended the year by sending players Travis

Jones, Luke Anderson, Randy Farleigh and Cannady to Districts. Doubles partners Cannady and Farleigh made it all the way to the semifinals, where they lost to Monacan.

The team, consisting of fourteen players, was made up of seven seniors, three juniors, two sophomores and two freshmen as new additions. "Since tennis is a sport where individuals compete to eventually contribute to the total effort, it often becomes hard to maintain teamwork. But these guys support each other, no matter what grade or team ranking," said Assistant Coach Robb Britt. Britt was a new addition to this year's team, aiding them with endurance and footwork activities aimed at bettering their game. Although no one made it to the Regionals, Travis Jones and Mike Cannady were appointed to the All-Academic Team.



Following through with his shot, senior Mike Cannady watches his ball go over the net into his opponent's court. The Boy's Tennis team started their season with a 9-0 win over Manchester. *Maren Riehm Photo*



STATS

Manchester	9-0
Midlothian	3-6
Monacan	3-6
L.C. Bird	9-0
George Wythe	9-0
Freeman	1-8
Clover Hill	1-8
Manchester	9-0
Midlothian	3-6
Monacan	4-5
Midlothian	3-6
L.C. Bird	9-0
Clover Hill	0-9

Most Valuable Player: Josh Goad

Coach's Award: Travis Jones

District All Academic Team: Mike Cannady, Travis Jones

Coach Terri Guedri stands before the tennis team, as they listen to her instructions. Guedri was assisted by Coach Rob Britt, a new addition to the team. Both coaches practiced with the team, as well as giving tips and advice to better the boys both as individual players as well as team. Maren Riehm Photo

Senior Travis Jones gets ready to return the ball to the other side of the court. The team was comprised of six other seniors, three juniors, two sophomores and two freshmen. Jones, along with Mike Cannady, was appointed to the All-Academic Team at the end of the season. Maren Riehm Photo

Extending his racket to the ball, Luke Anderson prepares to send the ball back over the net. Anderson, as well as Travis Jones, Mike Cannady and Randy Farleigh, completed the season by moving on to the District tournament. Only Cannady and Farleigh moved onto the semifinals. Maren Riehm Photo



GOING FOR THE GOAL

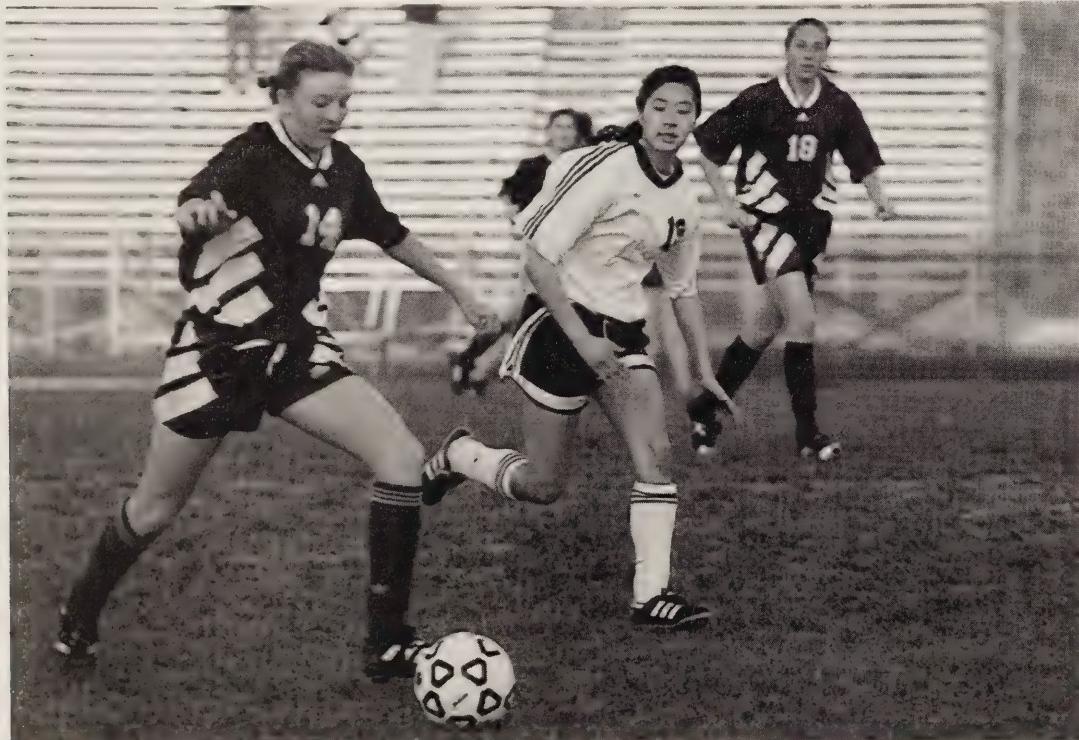
YOUTH PROVES VALUABLE

BETH MOON AND IRENE VLASIDIS

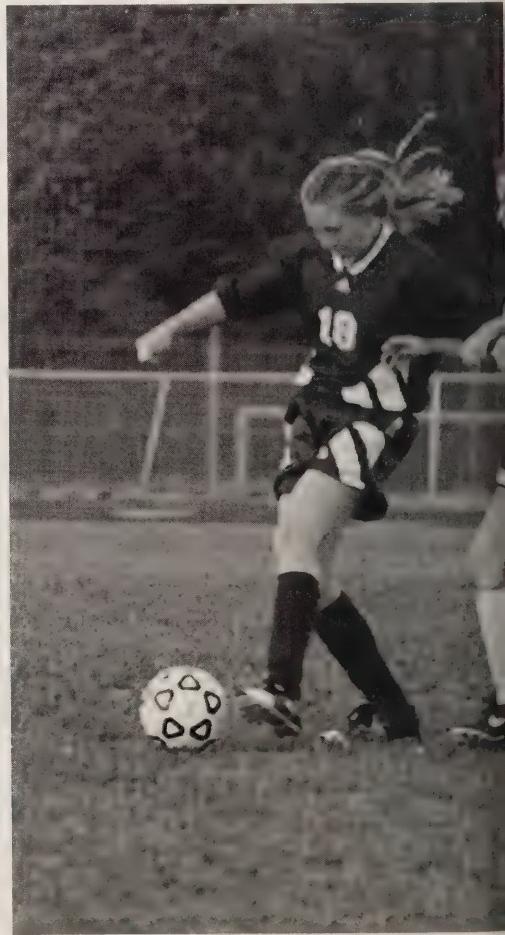
With a team consisting mainly of underclassmen the Girls Varsity Soccer team tied for first place in the regular season with Midlothian. Having only two returning Varsity players, the team had to learn how to work together to be successful. Because the team experienced the season with only one senior, they proved that a young team can succeed among great competition. "Being the only senior on the team was different but still fun and exciting, and I enjoyed the experiences. I wish the team good luck next year," said senior Mary Scott. At the beginning of the year, the girls came together as individual players but grew into a team that supported each other. The girls credit this new unity to their coach, Rachel Mead, who encouraged them to strive "together." "I think we have exceeded everyone's expectations because of the

numbers we lost last year. With only one senior I feel the next two years will be extremely exciting," said Rachel Mead.

LaDonna Meade took charge of the Junior Varsity team and lead them to an undefeated season with lead scorers Becky Brocato and Meg Turner. During practices the team would work on dribbling, passing and shooting drills which helped players perfect their skills for the games. Defensive player Erin Heiry said, "A group of girls who had never played together united as a team and achieved a successful season." Their great spirit permeated throughout the team. "I had a talented group of young ladies that will carry on the winning tradition for James River girls soccer," said Coach LaDonna Meade. With so many young players on both JV and Varsity, both teams have a promising future for the next few years.



Looking for a forward to pass to, Cameron Jennings takes the ball down the field to the goal. Jennings ended the game with a goal and assisted Shannon Britt on one of her goals. Britt scored the first two goals of the game. The team's goal for that game was to practice on their shooting abilities and connecting at least fifteen passes before taking a shot. Lifetouch Photo



STATS

JV

Midlothian
L.C. Bird
Clover Hill
Manchester
Monacan
Midlothian
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Monacan

3-0 Midlothian
5-0 L.C. Bird
3-0 Clover Hill
2-1 Manchester
1-0 Monacan
4-1 Midlothian
2-2 L.C. Bird
4-1 Clover Hill
2-1 Manchester
Monacan

Varsity

0-2
9-0
1-0
0-5
2-1
3-1
9-0
3-4
1-0
2-1

First Team All District: Irene Vlasidis, Jennifer Wilhelm, Shannon Britt

Second Team All District: Cathy Burgess, Abbie Dayton

Honorable Mention: Katie Foster, Cameron Jennings, Nicole Reyes



Freshman Mary Beall dribbles around a defender from the other team. Dribbling was a very important element in the game. Beall played as a outside midfielder against L.C. Bird. She crossed the ball to teammate Meg Turner, who scored one of the goals. The team defeated Bird with a score of 5-0, which brought their season record to two wins and no losses. Lifetouch Photo

Battling for the ball, junior Jennifer Wilhelm shoves off an opponent to keep control of the ball. Wilhelm went on to dribble the ball down the field and scored a goal to help the lady Rapids to a victory. Captains Wilhelm and Cathy Burgess lead the Varsity team during the season. "I think this season was mainly for the team to get used to playing with each other for the first time," said Wilhelm. Lifetouch Photo

Sophomore Nicole Reyes takes a corner kick at the L.C. Bird game because the defender from the other team kicked the ball out of bounds and the possession changed. The girls defeated L.C. Bird with a score of 9-0. The team would practice corner kicks before every game and during practices. "Everyday in practice we would practice corner kicks and developed good strategies to score off of," said Reyes. Lifetouch Photo



THERE'S NO LOSING

RAPIDS SWEEP THE DISTRICT

BY: KELLY DAVIS

Though being a tough sport, soccer has been fun all this year," said junior Brian Otto. Both JV and Varsity boys practiced after school everyday to prepare for their night games. "Practice though difficult has been helping us out a lot, and I think that we're going to have a really good season," said junior Cary McCormick.

Seeming to be a tradition, the Varsity Soccer team found its way to Districts again. The Rapids went to Districts with an 8-4 record. The Rapids were defeated by Clover Hill in the District tournament, but they still qualified to go onto the Regional Quarterfinal match by being first in the District. During the Quarterfinal match, Derek Beitner scored the goal that would move the Rapids into the semifinal match against Clover Hill. Though the semifinal match against Clover Hill was grueling and difficult, the Rapids played a

really good game. "Even though we lost in the semifinals, we still had a really good season, and we are really proud of how well we did," said senior Kevin Harrington.

The JV team finished up with a record of 7-5 this year. "I was very proud of all my boys this year. We did really well, and I am expecting just the same, if not better, for next year," said Coach Peter Raimist. Though the majority of the JV team will be on Varsity next year, the JV team will still be strong. "Even though we'll be losing the rising juniors, I think we'll still do really well," said freshman Patrick Goff.

Though the seniors were leaving, next year's team will still work to their potential. "This year we have done really well, but I am worried about losing all the seniors, though the rising juniors are looking pretty good," said Trammell Garten.



Junior Cary McCormick dribbles around a Clover Hill player in the semifinal game. Although the Rapids were not the victors of this game, they still played to the best of their abilities and were excited about making it that far. "Even though we lost, I was still really proud that we made it to that far, and I hope that we can do it again next year," said junior Cary McCormick. *Lifetouch Photo*



STATS

JV

Midlothian
L.C. Bird
Clover Hill
Manchester
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Clover Hill
Manchester
Midlothian
Monacan
L.C. Bird

1-2 Midlothian
1-1 L.C. Bird
1-4 Clover Hill
0-4 Manchester
0-2 Monacan
1-2 Huguenot
0-1 Midlothian
1-1 L.C. Bird
3-1 Clover Hill
2-0 Manchester
Monacan

Varsity

0-2
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First All District Team: Derek Beitner, Ryan Furgurson, Steven Hsu

Second All District Team: Jamil Mashore

Third All District Team: Adam Davis, Bill Tucker

First All Regional Team: Derek Beitner

Second All Regional Team: Ryan Furgurson

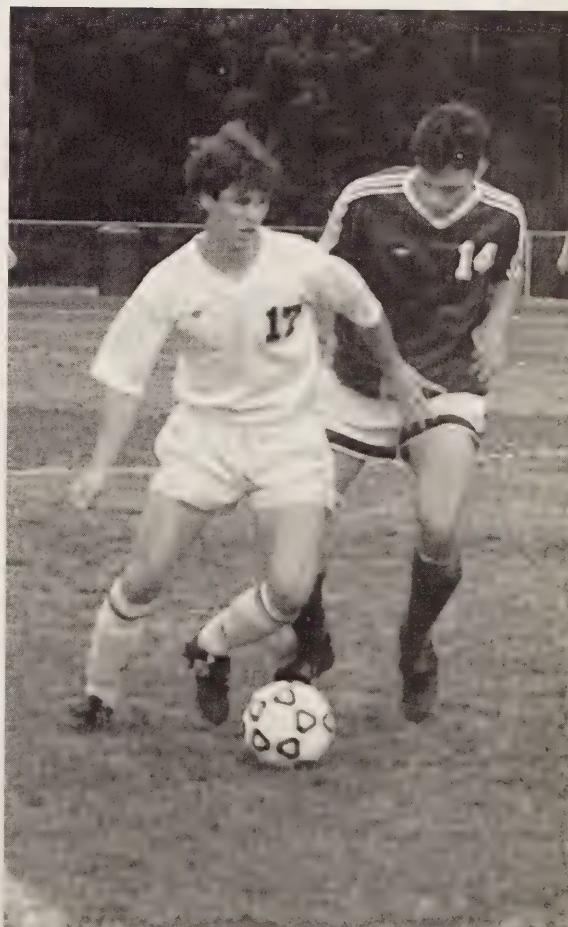
Second All State Team: Derek Beitner

Most Valuable Players: Derek Beitner, Ryan Furgurson

Senior Ryan Furgurson goes in for a save in the game against Manchester. Furgurson is one of the seniors who will be leaving the team next year. "Even though I will miss playing with all my teammates, I am really excited about playing at Duke next year," said Furgurson. Furgurson plans on attending Duke University on a scholarship, where he will play soccer for the Blue Devils. *Lifetouch Photo*

Junior Trammell Garten shows that he will go to any length to help in aiding his team. "I would do just about anything in my power to keep the other team from scoring," said Garten. Garten will be one of the upcoming seniors next year and has been playing soccer for many years, beginning as a small child for St. Michael's Episcopal School. *Lifetouch Photo*

Senior Derek Beitner out manuevers a player from the Clover Hill team in a regular season game. Beitner scored one of the two goals that gave the Rapids a victory over this team, but they would soon face this team again in the state semifinal tournament. Beitner, though unsure of his future soccer plans, will be attending James Madison University in the fall. *Lifetouch Photo*





JV Softball: First Row: Sara Hildebrand, Crissy Beamer, Heide Morris, Michelle Arthur, Caroline Thomas, Denise Potter, Adrienne Darnell Second Row: Coach Barbara Parella, Jon Lowman mgr., Stephanie Baker, Cody Apperson, Lauren Parrish, Laura Brenner, Ali Shaffer, Megan Carchman, Meghan Ewell



JV Boy's Soccer: First Row: Bruce Wilhelm, Patrick Goff, Harrison Lowry, Francisco Folgar, Wes Stigal, Paul Anderson, Keith Davis Second Row: Leah Berkowitz mgr., Seth Hairfield, Evan Cotter, Scott Cummings, Ryan Hainer, Nathan Knight, Brent Moses, Adam Rhinehart, Coach Peter Raimist



JV Baseball: First Row: Whitney Sinclair, Joe Oley, Josh Thomas, James Bailey, Will Davis, Tommy Walton, John Gibney, Katy Williams Second Row: Greg McChesney, Jonathan Nystrom, Billy Morrison, Mark Hoskins, Jimmy Green, David Corby, Rick Overbey



Varsity Softball: First Row: Brooke Stafford, Jackie Ledford, Kelly Rust, Kelly Cline, Becky Ledford, Jacqueline Bailey, Brianne Tinsley Second Row: Coach Jim Melillo, Katherine Tribendis mgr., Kimberly Ellis, Monica Flanagan, Erin Nance, Evie Carchman, Jane Wells, Jenny Cross, Erin Moore mgr.



Varsity Boy's Soccer: First Row: Trammel Garten, Eddie Anderson, Adam Draucker, Jamil Mashore, Will Hanzel, Andrew Johnson, Steven Hsu, Cameron Johnson Second Row: Leah Berkowitz mgr., Derek Beitner, Bryan Otto, Kevin Harrington, Nate Bick, Ryan Furgurson, Joe Ziadeh, Aaron Seelman, Adam Davis, Cary McCormick, Coach Eric Schlueter



Trainers: First Row: Laura Pelletier, Maureen Powers, Kristyn Barns Second Row: Hallie Tilton, Ashley McGinley, Jami Gelineau, Mary Scott Third Row: Jonathan Rupert, Shayla Maddox, Christine Kolle A.T.C.



MONEY MATTERS

Ahhh....finally...THE END. Yet sages filled with love and good another high school yearbook luck wishes. comes down to its final pages. The index features pictures The rest of the book is filled from most of the various clubs with memories held within and around school. We regret if any and tributes to seniors, as well clubs were left out. Lifetouch as ads from businesses who helped Studios was responsible for who helped sponsor and support our book. Ad all the photos prices varied upon size and taken.

were sold to businesses in the fall. Ads for seniors were sold to parents in mid-winter, which parents could fill with baby pictures, recent pictures and mes-

Lastly, the book ends with the closing and colophon. These spreads represent final words and memories of this, The Rapid '97.

Ads/ Index/ Closing

FAMILY MATTERS

In this lifetime, it is easy to get so caught up in the things going on around you that you can forget the things that really matter. As the class of 1997 moves on to the next stage in their lives, and the underclassmen begin a new year full of new adventures and new trials, it is important for everyone to remember that one thing that really matters is family.

You give us so many reasons to be proud of you!
Congratulations



Kevin,

Congratulations! We knew you could do it.
Remember- Mom and Dad would be very proud of you.

Love, Jackie and Bill, Brian, Erika, and Grandma



Erin,

Thank you for giving us so much joy in the past, pride in the present, and hope for the future. You will always be our baby, and we love you very much.



Angela,

Congratulations! May today's success be the beginning of tomorrow's achievements!

Love,
Marie and Dad



Mom and Dad



"Pumpkin"

Laura.

So many special memories -- so many more to come! We love you and we are so proud of you. We wish you only the happiest times as you go on to college. We will miss you. Know that we are here for you always!

Congratulations!
Dad, Sue, Jared, and Logan

REGGIE #9



Congratulations and Best Wishes for a future filled with love, peace and happiness. We are truly blessed that you are a part of our lives. Always remember we love you. "In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy Path." Proverbs 3:6.

Love, your family:

Dad, Mom, Angela, Sterling, Jada, Grandmother Polly, Grandmother Larcine and Granddaddy Nick

Erin,

We love you and are very proud of you. We thank the Lord for the blessing you have been to us.

Congratulations!

Mom and Dad

Proverbs 3: 5,6



Susan- The day you were born I was "touched by an angel."
May all your dreams come true. Love, Mom

Congratulations Bobby! All of your hard work and determination have paid off. We are very proud of you. As you journey through life, don't forget to let a little grass grow under your feet!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Christi-

The years between kindergarten and senior have passed much too quickly. You have become a beautiful young lady, both inside and out.

We are so proud of you. Thanks for all the joy you have given us. We love you.

Mom and Dad



Luke-

Congratulations- It doesn't seem that long since your first day of school. You have been a joy to us.

Love,

Mom and Dad
Emily, Mary and Carrie
Good things are ahead!

I Cor. 2:9



Sarabecca.

To know you is to love you. Your smile and caring for others warms our hearts.

YAAAY!

YOU MADE IT!

Love, Mom and Dad



Amanda,

The Wizard said, "A heart is not judged by how much you love but by how much you are loved by others." You would have made the Wizard proud. We love you very much.

Mom, Dad, Jeff & Meredith





KEVIN,

Always brothers-
Always friends.

Do good in college; Mom says
do well!

With love,
Mom and Jeff



Jen.

Since you were this young, we knew you would
be special. You amaze us with your talents
and your dedication. We know one day we
will see your name in lights. We love you and
believe in you.

Love, Dad, Mom, Chris and Matt



SPRING 1980

GRACIE-



OFF TO NORTHHAMPTON!

STAY WARM, AND DON'T FORGET TO COME HOME
TO RICHMOND AND TO US! WE LOVE YOU-

MOM, JULIE, JEFFY, AND ZOE MOUSE

TO THE GRADUATING SENIORS OF

CURRENT EDITION
CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
SHOW CHOIR BAND

Thomas Benton
Chris Bernhardt
Dan Bissett
Beth Brocato
Nolan Doran
Chris Fraker
Ryan Furgurson
Amanda Grant
Beth Guedri

David Honaker
Nitoya Jefferson
Robert Jones
Erin Keltonic
Jay Ligatti
Antoine Mayfield
Christi Moses
Chris Porter
Ray Price
Lindsay Rice

Mary Scott
Ginny Slaughter
Andy Smith
Erin Smith
Elaine Stuhlman
Crystal Tucker
Joel Wedd
Allison Williams
Vanessa Wilson

*Whatever you imagine...
Let your fabulous feet...
Take you higher and higher...*



We love you very much and are your biggest fans!
Your Parents!



Dear Melissa,

Congratulations on all your hard work, Bella! We are very proud of you. Continued success in college and in whatever path you choose!

Love always,
Mom and Dad
(Quentin too!)

MATT -- You've done us proud!
Congratulations. May all the wonderful things in life be yours. Enjoy college.

Love Mom, Dad, and Brian

Sarah,

Aim high!
You deserve the best.

We love you very much,
Mom, Dad and Colleen



Always Reaching Forward...

From Brownies
To Gymnastics
To Swim Team
To Honors Classes
To Track Team
To Latin Club
To Junior Class Council
To Marching Band
To Senior Class Council

TO UVA!!!!

Tracie, you have always made us proud and we know that you always will. Good luck and go girl!

Love, Mom and Dad





JENNIFER-

YOUR SMILE BRIGHTENS EVERY DAY.
YOU CELEBRATE LIFE TO THE FULLEST.
YOU ARE INDEPENDENT, SELF-MOTIVATED,
AND YOU BELIEVE IN YOURSELF.
WHAT MORE CAN WE SAY EXCEPT...



LOOK OUT WORLD!

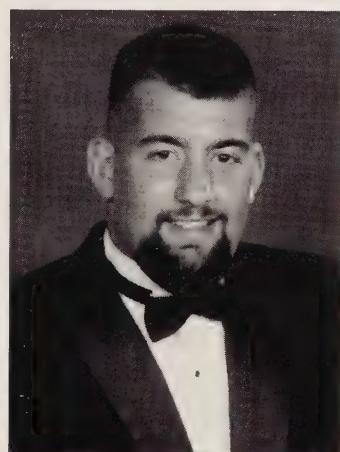
LOVE AND CONGRATULATIONS
MOM, DAD, AND JACKIE



GREG STEINBURG



From "Little Fella"



To "Big Fella"

We have enjoyed every step of the way!

With love then, now, and always
Mom and Dad

*You've come a long way, Baby!
Congratulations, Erin!*

*Love you.
Mom, Ricky, Alissa, Meghan, and
Brigid*

Kindergarten 1984

Graduation 1997





John,

Congratulations!
We are very proud
of you!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Congratulations to
our "Redhead"!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Chip,
Lesley, and Casey



MARGO AND DEREK,

YOU BROUGHT US SO MUCH JOY THEN-
YOU BRING US SO MUCH JOY NOW.

LOVE, FROM BOTH YOUR MOMS



We always thought
you would excel in
"communications."
Congratulations and
much success at
Longwood!

Love,
Mom and Dad and
Steven too!

Carey,

Congratulations-all
of your hard work
paid off. Good luck
at UVA. We think
you're the best.



Love,
Mom and Kristin

Whoever says that time goes fast- Boy are they right! Our little boy is graduating from H.S. and going to college. We love you Mike and are very proud of you. Be always You.

Mom and Dad



Erin,

Congratulations for all of your accomplishments in life so far. You're such a joy. Thanks for all you have given us.

Love,

Mom & Dad



CONGRATULATIONS SARAH!

We
Are
So
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Steven,

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You're on your own. You know what you know.

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You'll look up and down streets.

Look'em over with care.

About some you will say,

"I don't choose to go there."

With your head full of brains
and your shoes full of feet,
you're too smart to go down
any not-so-good street.

And you may not find any
you'll want to go down.

In that case, of course,
you'll head straight out of town.

It's opener there, in the wide open air.

Out there good things can happen, and frequently do,
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-Dr. Seuss

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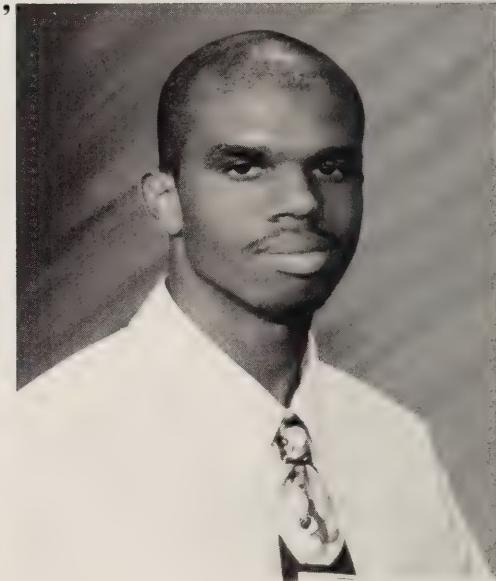


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Rashad,

May God Bless You in everything you experience and pursue in life. You've grown into a wonderful young man!

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success always be yours.

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Mom, Dad, Allison and Christopher



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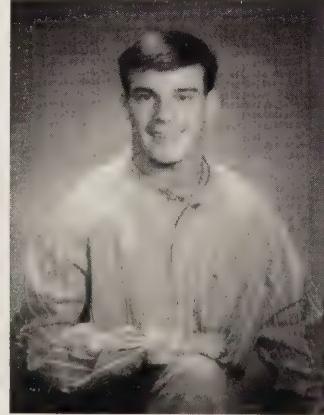
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of joy since the day you
were born...

What a special young
man you've become.
We wish you happiness
and success as you
begin a new chapter in
your life.
we are proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Kelly



We're proud of
you- our
LauraLou!

Love,
Mom, Bob, and
the boys

Summer,
WE LOVE YOU!
You have always
made us proud.
Thank you for all of
the love.
We'll miss you!

Mom, Dad, Courtney,
and Lisa





Kathryn,
Ecoutes votre
coeur et fais ce
que tu aimes.
Nous t'aimerons
toujours!

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Mark

Hey Jeff!

Take a Big Bite out of life!!



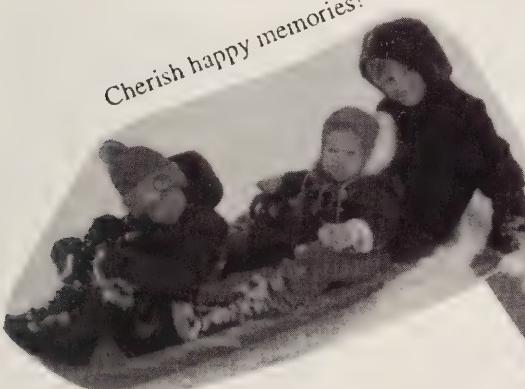
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May your future be
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and success.

We love you,
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Have a grateful heart!



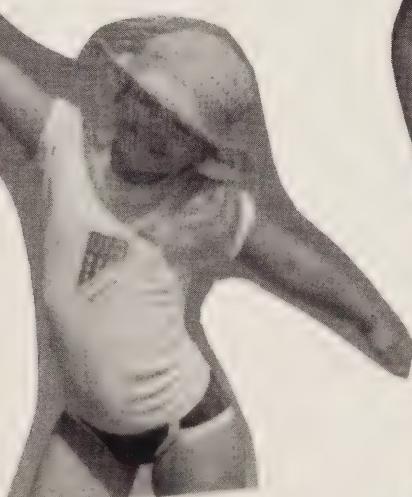
Liz!

Be bold and courageous
As you follow your dreams!

Have fun and
be happy!



Give your best,
Hence no regrets!



Love life

As much as we love you!
Mom, Dad, Chris, Ben, Dori and Camden



Julie.

You've come so far since those preschool days...



We are very proud of you and your accomplishments.

Good luck at Clemson!

Love,

Mom, Dad, Eric and Todd



**My wish is very simple-
I would like to be
The kind of mom to you,
As my mom was to me.
And one day, I pray that
you
Will have a lovely
daughter, too.
I hope that she will be,
A daughter just like you.**



**Love,
Mom, Dad, Christian,
Whitney, and Mr. B.**



" If someone loves a flower, of which just one single blossom grows in all the millions and millions of stars, it is enough to make him happy just to look at the stars. . . .'Somewhere, my flower is there . . .'"

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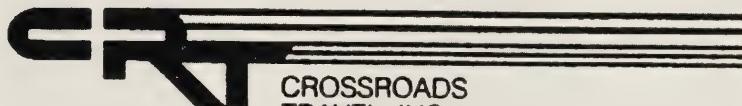
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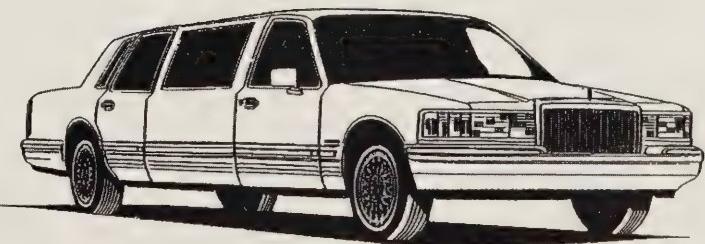
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Dr. Einstein, played by Mike Karakasian, sits on the Brewster's couch and takes a quick drink after breaking into the Brewster's home. He and Jonathan Brewster (Hale Schneider) had committed a murder.



Katie Bates, Erin Waller and Brad Baker discuss recent town murders as they enjoy coffee and in the dining room. The ladies had hidden corpses in their basement but hadn't yet told Baker who played Mortimer Brewster.

Brendan Hoyle, Becky Rhinchart and Kenny Bevan played three police officers in "Arsenic and Old Lace." They are arguing about the murdered men found in the Brewster's basement.



Kenny Bevan (Giles Corey) and Travis Crabtree (Frances Nurse) sit and watch as Elizabeth Proctor is arrested. She was only one of the many women accused and arrested for witchcraft.

Holly Lester as Abigail Williams sits on her knees exclaiming about witches and phantom birds. Lori Hoskins who played Susanna Walcott and Margaret Doran who was Mercy Lewis watch on and join in.



Krissy Callahan as Mary Warren and Brad Baker as Gov. Danforth talk during the trial scene. In the background, Justin Pool as Reverend John Hale and Daniel Harrison as Judge Hathorne sit and watch the proceedings.

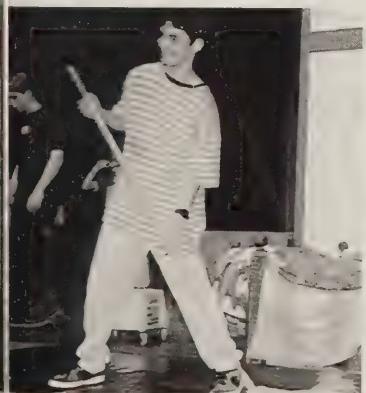


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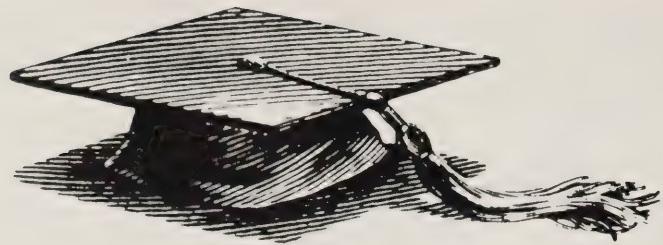
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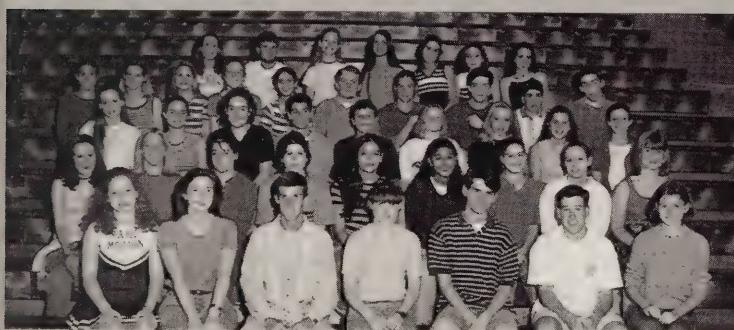
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The End: Seniors Chris Doutt, Sarah Diegelmann and Katie Lamberta stop for a picture during the Senior Picnic. During the picnic, seniors socialized, played volleyball and frisbee and ate food that was provided by local caterers. The Senior Picnic began the first of the senior activities that were held directly before graduation.

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The Last Days

Ahhh...the final bell. Students scrambling out of their chairs. Screams can be heard down the halls. Finally.....after 180 days another school year is over. Summer. The sweetest word to any school age kid.

As yet another year of high school came to its final closing, students rushed out of the building for three months of unstructured time. Underclassmen rushed out for a brief break from the walls of the high school institution, while the seniors took their last step out of the school forever. Kids prepared for the lazy days of summer, while putting the year behind them.

Nevertheless, the year would not be forgotten, only momentarily put out of memory. The memories of times with

friends remained, while the little things like the day you wore that nasty shirt or the day that that kid tripped you in the hall were shoved way back into your mind...but still isn't that what made this year so memorable??? If not what would separate this year from other years past?? Too quickly, the high school

years will become one big blob, with only the very important and very special memories sticking out in our minds...Perhaps Winnie-The-Pooh put it best when he said "Rivers know this: There is no hurry. We shall get there some day." So no rush, no hurry...the end of high school will come soon enough...enjoy the black, the white and especially all the grey while you can...

Megan Parker





Sophomore Leah Berkowitz holds her raft before getting ready to float it down the river. As a supplement to Mark Twain's Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, Tracy Robertson had her classes make rafts out of popsicle sticks and then float them down the river. Emily May Photo



Principal Mike Rose stands in the library during the reception for the NHS assembly. Eligible juniors were inducted in an assembly during the spring of the year. Senior members of the NHS were responsible for tapping the new members. Kathy Hoof Photo

A freshman gets off the bus in the morning before heading into school for yet another day. Students who did not drive or who could not find rides were forced to ride the bus in the mornings and afternoons. Kim White Photo



COLOPHON

This year's book is dedicated to the memory of Scott Hammerly, Mrs. Suzanne Abel, Patrick Daly and Mr. (Coach) Chuck Collins. As William Penn said, "They that love beyond the world cannot be separated by it. Death cannot kill what never dies." May your memories remain in our hearts forever.

The 1996-1997 Rapid Staff consisted of twenty-three students, who were led by Advisor Kathy Hoof and Editors Megan Parker and Kim White.

The staff used Aldus Pagemaker 5.0 to design and layout each page of the book. Body text, caption and folios were done in Garamond Narrow. Lots of other pretty little fonts were used too, but no sense in listing the names...just enjoy the images! :) The book consists of 256 pages printed on eight pound enamel and was published in Dallas, Texas by Taylor Publishing Company.

Business ads, as well as ads for graduating seniors, were once again sold at various prices. The book itself was sold for \$35 dollars at selected times during the year.

Lifetouch Studios was responsible for the personality pictures, sports pictures, clubs pictures and various other candid shots. Wal-Mart provided film developing and a constant supply of paper and disks.

Special thanks to Anil Shukla for designing the Editorial Cartoons, as well as the artwork on the cover.

The Yearbook Staff would also like to thank the following people for the help and support in the past year: Our Taylor Representative Kevin Hicks, for his many helpful ideas and knowledge; the faculty and staff, especially Mrs. Hinckle for chatting with us after school when we, the editors, couldn't deal with the *room* anymore; our teacher and advisor Kathy Hoof, for successfully leading us to Diet Coke addictions and vegetarianism; Mary Baumann, for keeping us at least halfway organized; the janitors, for always letting us in and helping to keep the *home* at least a little clean; and finally the cafeteria workers, for feeding our lovely caffeine addictions with a constant supply of Diet Coke in their machines.

The theme, "Grey Matters," was chosen by the editors, who felt that the all around high school experience could be found by examining not only the black and the white but all the grey that's found in between the two.

As a final note, the editors would like to thank the staff for their help this year. A special thanks goes out to all the pizza deliverer's....sorry we weren't out on Robious waiting...and that was two Diet Cokes not a two liter Diet Coke.

P.S. Mrs. Hinckle~ the answer is blowing in the wind...got that??? Or should we play the song just ONE more time????!!!!

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The Movies, TV, Music, Sports, News and Trends zine just for Students

I Want Those Pencils

I Love Tom Cruise

Slam Dunk

Don't Cry For Me

1991

Movies

Tops at the Box Office

1. *Independence Day*
2. *Twister*
3. *Mission: Impossible*
4. *Jerry Maguire*
5. *The Rock*
6. *The Nutty Professor*
7. *Ransom*
8. *101 Dalmatians*
9. *A Time to Kill*
10. *Phenomenon*

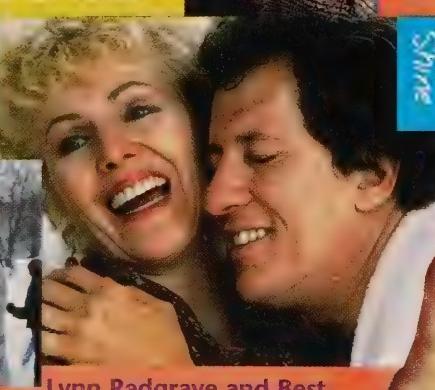
Other Pictures
The English Patient
Fargo
Jerry Maguire
Secrets & Lies
Shine

The Preacher's Wife



Whitney Houston meets her angel, Denzel Washington, in *The Preacher's Wife*.

Romeo & Juliet



Lynn Redgrave and Best Actor Geoffrey Rush make music together in *Shine*.

Oscar's Actresses

Brenda Blethyn, *Secrets & Lies*
Diane Keaton, *Marvin's Room*
Frances McDormand, *Fargo*
Kristin Scott Thomas, *The English Patient*
Emily Watson, *Breaking the Waves*

PARADISE PICTURES

Madonna's performance in *Evita* earns the actress a Golden Globe.



Cuba Gooding, Jr. says "Show me the Oscar" as he's awarded Best Supporting Actor for *Jerry Maguire*.

STAR TREK



Star Trek: First Contact

101 Dalmatians

Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes play star-crossed lovers in *Romeo and Juliet*.

SARUS



Will Smith and Harry Connick Jr. prepare for the alien attack in *Independence Day*.

Space Jam

Michael Jordan teams up with his Looney Tunes friends.

CLOSE



Nutty Professor

Eddie Murphy transforms himself in *The Nutty Professor*

MICHAEL



Star Wars Trilogy

R2-D2 and C-3PO return to the big screen to celebrate the 20-year anniversary of *Star Wars*.

HOLLYWOOD LIGHT & MAGIC

The English Patient

Ralph Fiennes soars in 1996's Best Picture, *The English Patient*.

MIRAMAX FILMS

Oscar's Actors

Tom Cruise, *Jerry Maguire*
Ralph Fiennes,
The English Patient
Woody Harrelson,
The People vs. Larry Flynt
Geoffrey Rush, *Shine*
Billy Bob Thornton,
Sling Blade



POLYGRAM HOME VIDEO

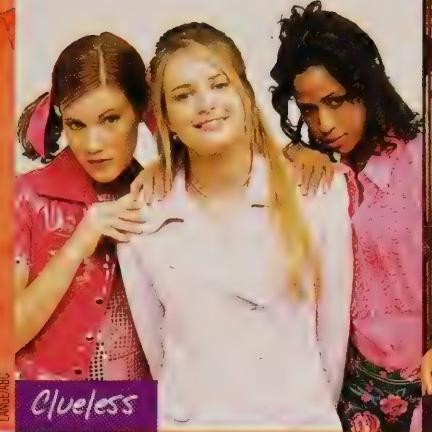
Oscar winner Frances McDormand snoops from *Fargo* to Minneapolis as "Marge" in the dark comedy *Fargo*.

Jerry Maguire

COOPER

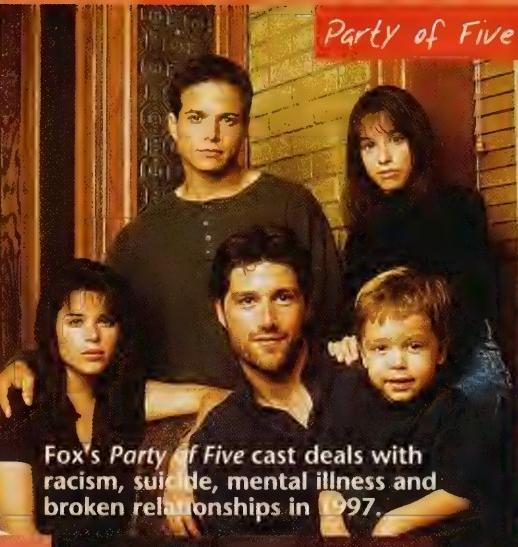


ABC wasn't
Clueless when it
added this hit
to Friday nights.



LANGE/ABC

Clueless

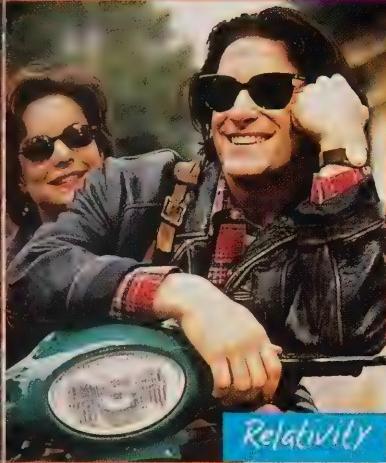


Party of Five

Entertainment

WEEKLY'S TOP TV PICKS

1. *NYPD Blue*
2. *The X-Files*
3. *The Larry Sanders Show*
4. *News Radio*
5. *The Simpsons*
6. *Friends*
7. *Murder One*
8. *Profit*
9. *Seinfeld*
10. *Moesha*



Relativity

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Relativity's
Kimberly
Williams and
David Conrad
fall in love.

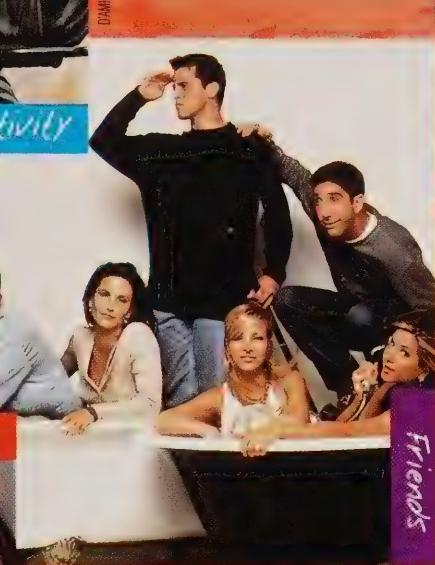
TV with CLASS
Boston Common
Dangerous Minds
Mr. Rhodes
Nick Nolte: Licensed Teacher
Pearl
Saved By the Bell
The Steve Harvey Show

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Rosie O'Donnell

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Friends

Friends leads NBC's Thursday
night monopoly.



Rosie O'Donnell improves
talk-TV's image.



The X-Files

UNIVERSAL FOX

David
Duchovny
and Gillian
Anderson
co-star in
The X-Files.

Brooke
Shields
turns
*Suddenly
Susan* into
a sudden
success.



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Fox's *Party of Five* cast deals with
racism, suicide, mental illness and
broken relationships in 1997.

SHANE/ED

An award-winning cast keeps *ER*
on top for another season.

JENNY McCARTHY



Jenny McCarthy makes waves in the
dating pool on MTV's *Singled Out*.

THOMAS

John Lithgow brings
3rd Rock from the Sun
down to earth.

3rd Rock from the Sun



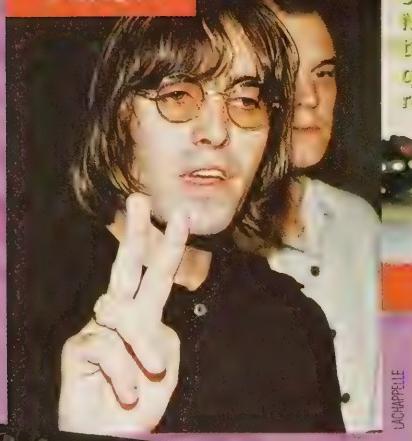
MUSIC

Single Success

1. Macarena, Los Del Rio
2. How Do U Want It, Tupac Shakur
3. Twisted, Keith Sweat
4. No Diggity, Blackstreet
5. You're Making Me High, Toni Braxton

Liam Gallagher leaves Oasis at the top of the rock chart.

Gallagher



Garbage's supervixen

Shirley Manson is the reigning queen of rock.

Garbage

1. I Only Wanna Be With You, Alanis Morissette
2. Falling Into You, Britney Spears
3. The Score, TLC
4. No Doubt, No Doubt
5. Daydream, Mariah Carey

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BLACKSTREET

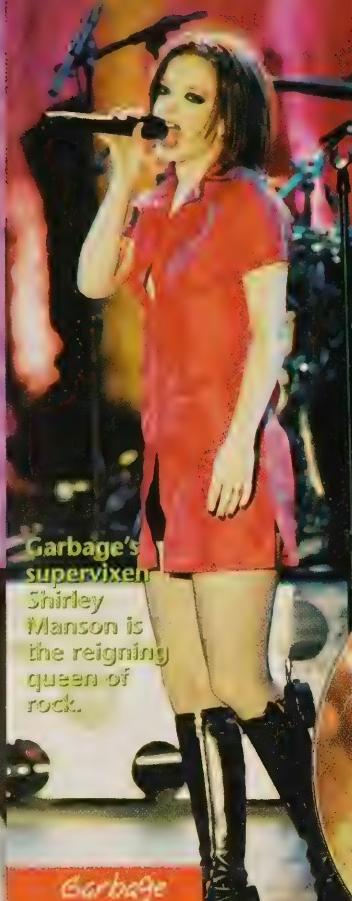
Blackstreet's No Diggity features Dr. Dre.



Spice up your life
with Spice Girls
and TLC.
Dance with Billie
Jean King.
TV's Moesha.

British singer LeAnn Rimes
feels the heat of pop.

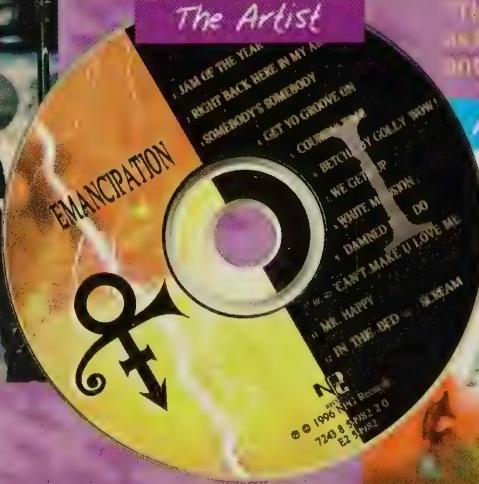
SPICE GIRLS



Grammy winner
Toni Braxton takes
Unbreak My Heart
to No. 1 on
Billboard charts.

LARGE RECORDS

The Artist



Alanis Morissette

Alanis

Alanis Morissette's
joined with 1995's
No. 1-selling album.

LeAnn Rimes

Blackstreet



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Cool rock

Oasis (<http://www.oasisnet.com/>)
Bush (<http://users.aol.com/LittleThings/Bush/index.htm>)
Smashing Pumpkins
(<http://www.muohio.edu/~carmance/sp.html>)

MTV Online



Music television is
not on-line-and-off.
At 14, LeAnn Rimes
is one star rising old
and takes home two
Grammy awards.

Hideo Nomo

Left: Dodger "Tsunami" Hideo Nomo averages multiple strikeouts per inning.

Sports Illustrated

Women's Sport
A STAR IS BORN
Wildcats

Pics: Sean and Nancy, Martha Haynes, Pacific Star and Getty

Women and Sports

Sports Illustrated lists women's sports

Bad boy Dennis Rodman comes first in the NBA in rebounds per game (15.9).

Green Bay

The Green Bay Packers triumph over the New England Patriots 35-21 in Super Bowl XXXI with the help of quarterback Brett Favre, No. 4, and center Frank Winters, No. 52.

Young Olympians

Amy Acuff, 20, high jump
Amanda Beard, 14, swimming
Brooke Bennett, 16, swimming
Beth Botsford, 15, swimming
Amanda Borden, 19, gymnastics
Dominique Moceanu, 14, gymnastics
Justin Huish, 21, archery
Kim Rhode, 17, double trap shooting
Tiffany Roberts, 19, soccer

Dodger "Tsunami"
Hideo Nomo averages multiple strikeouts per inning.

Wildcats

Michael Jordan

Tiger Woods

Danny Wuerffel

'96 Heisman Trophy recipient Danny Wuerffel leads the Florida Gators to its first national championship.

Olympic Goals and Assets

17 days
10,750 athletes
197 countries
31 sports
Carl Lewis, long jump
Amy Van Dyken, swimming
Tom Dolan, swimming
Karach Kiraly and Kent Steffes, volleyball
U.S. Women's Softball Team
U.S. Women's Soccer Team
U.S. Women's Basketball Team
U.S. Women's Gymnastics Team

New York Yankees manager Joe Torre celebrates a World Series victory.

NASCAR Online

Kerri Strug leads the U.S. gymnastics team to Gold Medal in the team competition and becomes a media sweetie.

People

ENCORE! ENCORE!

The U.S. Olympic women look back in wonder—and begin the rest of their lives.

At 21, Woods is the youngest golfer to make the Masters.

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News

LIFE on Mars.

Racial unrest in
St. Petersburg, Fla.

Welfare Reform.

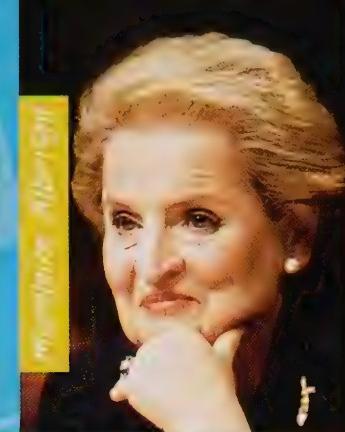
Madonna is a
MOMMA.

Michael Jackson,
King of Pop-pal!

Campaign Financing
Hoes under scrutiny.

Elizabeth Dole

Elizabeth Dole
becomes the bright
spot in a lackluster
campaign.



Madeleine Albright becomes the first female Secretary of State.

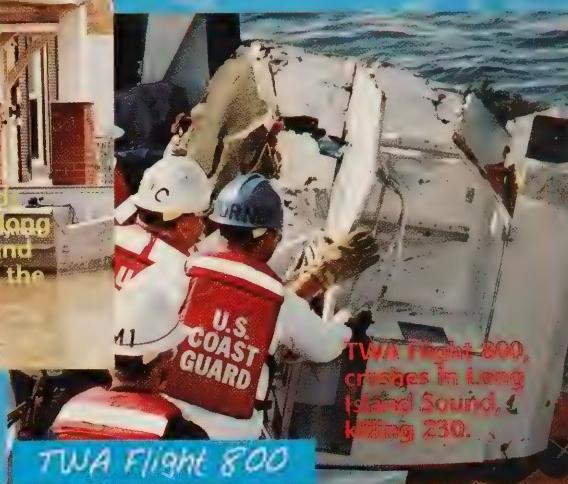
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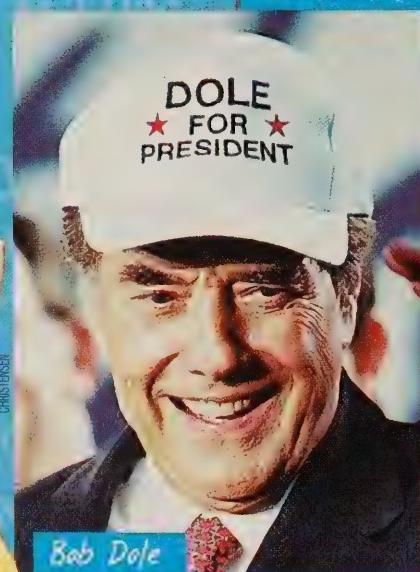
Astronaut Shannon Lucid spends more time in space than any other American.



Springtime flood
destroys towns along
the Ohio River and
the Red River in the
Midwest.



TWA Flight 800,
crashes in Long
Island Sound,
killing 230.

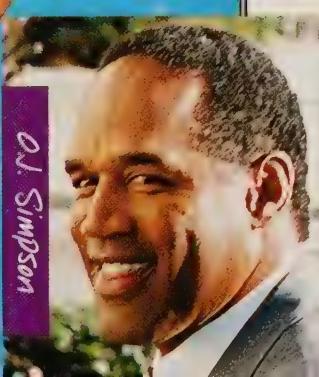


Bob Dole

Bob Dole's final 96-hour
marathon doesn't save his
campaign.



Voters extend
Bill Clinton's
White House
lease by four
years.



O.J. Simpson
declares O.J.
Simpson liable
for deaths of
Nicole Brown
and Ron
Goldman.

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The number dialed is busy or not answering. Please try again later.

To find another local access number, select "New Local*" from the "Screen name" pop-up menu, and click Sign On.

For more information, press the Command Key+SHIFT+? and refer to the Troubleshooting information in the AppleGuide.

Macintosh power users
choose Macintosh
communications software
from the Apple menu.

OK

News

Brook Shields



The score is love-love as Brooke Shields marries tennis star Andre Agassi.

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Serbian Demonstrators



The JonBenét Ramsey murder mystery grabs headlines.

Students demonstrate against Serbian government.

Marshall Applewhite



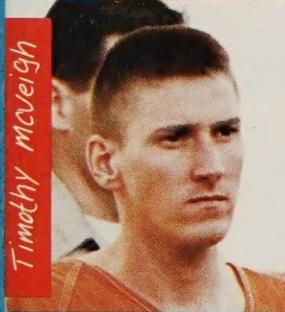
Leader Marshall Applewhite and 38 Heaven's Gate cult members take their lives in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., in April.



JonBenét Ramsey

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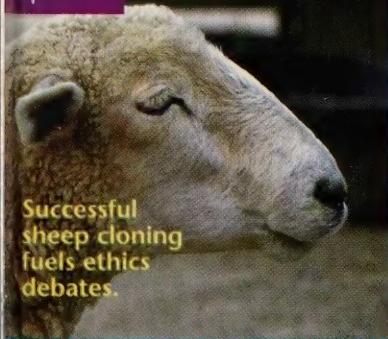
Timothy McVeigh



SOUTHERN

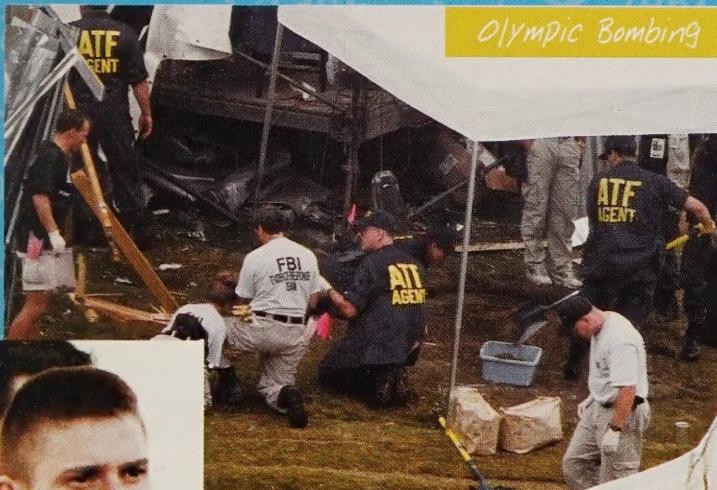
A Denver jury returns a guilty verdict for Timothy McVeigh in the Oklahoma City bombing trial.

Clone



Successful sheep cloning fuels ethics debates.

Olympic Bombing



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Atlanta's Centennial Park bombing mars the Summer Olympics.



Deaths

Morey Amsterdam, 80-ish, actor, *The Dick Van Dyke Show*

Ted Bessell, 57, actor, *That Girl*

Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, 68, Catholic Archbishop

John Chancellor, 68, news anchor

Margaux Hemingway, 41, model/actress

Notorious B.I.G., 24, gansta rapper

Timothy Leary, 75, '60s activist

Greg Morris, 61, actor, TV's *Mission: Impossible*

Jonathan Melvoin, 34, Smashing Pumpkins

Carl Sagan, 62, scientist and astronomy popularizer

Tupac Shakur, 25, gansta rapper/actor

Tiny Tim, 70-ish, '60s icon

Deng Xiaoping, 92, Chinese Leader

Allen Ginsberg, 70, Beat poet

Ennis Cosby, 27, student, son of Bill Cosby

Willem de Kooning, 92, abstract artist

Gangsta rapper and movie star Tupac Shakur is murdered.

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